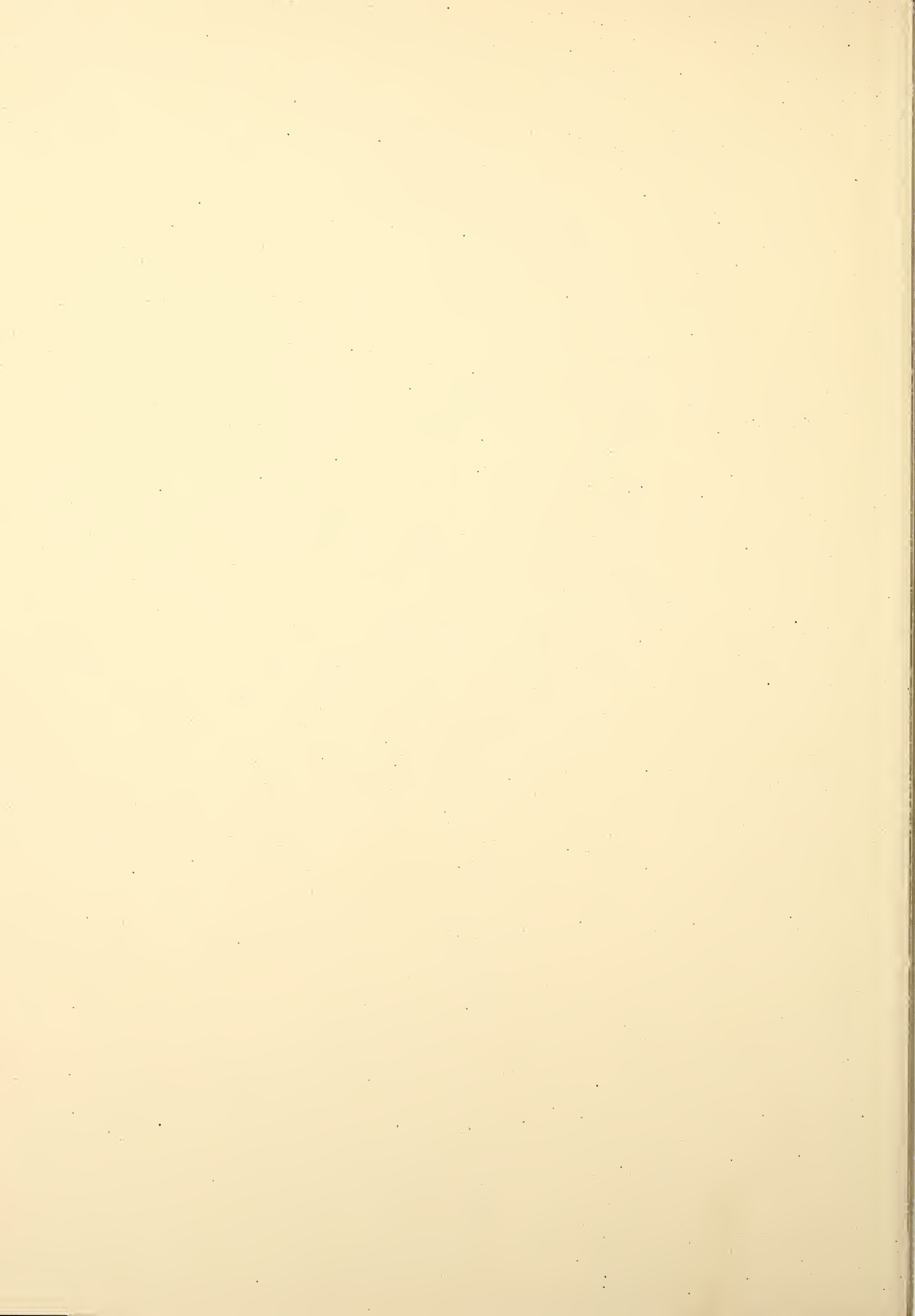


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Sticking with the homecoming theme "Catch The Wave," Tau Beta Iota, member **JP Audia** prepares to cruise downtown Fairmont in the Homecoming parade. TBI's float consisted of several members, basking in the sun on their tropical themed float, complete with sand and waves. They may have looked hot, but they knew how to keep things cool. *Photo By N. Morgan*

My Journal

D e a r J o u r n a l ,

As another school year begins, I can't wait for homecoming, football games, parties, and free student government activities. I could totally do without exams, lectures, and finals, but overall it looks like it is going to be an awesome year at Fairmont State, despite the construction around campus.

I am a little nervous about my workload, but I'm confident that my instructors will help me out. They're usually pretty cool. Speaking of pretty cool, the new student activities center sounds like it's going to be awesome. I could definitely stand to drop a few

pounds. Also, from what I have heard, Bryant Hall is pretty nice. No dorm could ever be quite like home, but if I had to choose a dorm, it would probably be Bryant Hall. Oh... and we finally have PARKING!!! It is so nice knowing that there is actually a parking spot waiting just for me. But, you have to watch that you don't get dizzy driving around and around the parking garage to the exit.

I know a great year can never be guaranteed, but I think the odds are in my favor. As long as student government keeps those frozen lemonades, pizza, and activities coming, I should be just fine. Well, I had better get a move on it, but don't worry, I will write again soon with all kinds of exciting stories of my life as a college student.



A Black Hawk Interior dry wall finisher diligently works on the third floor of the new student activities center. Workers persisted day after day, rain and shine, in a unified effort to complete the new student activities center on time. *Photo By N.Morgan*





Decked out in their tropical attire, Black Student Union members **Lakeya Gray**, **Tiana Bunks**, **Jennifer Muse**, and **Kasha Brown** enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Homecoming Parade. The Black Student Union was one of the many campus organizations represented in the parade. *Photo By N. Morgan*



My Life

Dear Journal,

My life as a Falcon is going pretty well. Homecoming Week was an absolute blast. My favorite "Catch The Wave" activity was the luau and costume contest. It's great how much school spirit some of the students here have. I'd say they really *caught the wave* this year!

Homecoming Week sure kept me busy, but the gang and I usually find something to get into. The Book- N- Bean has been a lifesaver for all of us with quick cappuccino pick-me-ups. I've also got a friend who has a pretty cool band. Sometimes they'd even land a gig around town.

Even though a lot of people around here go home on the weekends, there are still plenty of opportunities to occupy this restless college student. Until next time!

“Catch The Wave”

By Kelly Morgan

To some, “Catch The Wave” may refer to surfing, but to Fairmont State students, it referred to the tropical twist added to Homecoming. With the Hawaiian theme “Catch The Wave” in full swing, students were pumped for the week’s activities.

Homecoming week began with a visit from *Soul Plane* star and comedian, Kevin Hart, followed by a luau on the Quad. The luau was complete with a limbo contest, game booths, and a costume competition where **Cain Nobel** and **Crystal Maybe** were chosen as having the best Hawaiian costumes. It was anything but ordinary just like the annual Homecoming Parade where campus organizations showed off their Hawaiian themed floats. Floats included everything from hula-dancing girls to Hawaiian jammin’ guys performing the song “Wipe Out.” A pep rally was also held where the spirit stick was awarded to TBI. Ending the festivities of Homecoming Week was the Homecoming Dance held at Westchester Village.

Aside from the Hawaiian theme and wild activities, there was something different about the 2004 Homecoming, and that was the community service aspect. Organizations participating in Homecoming were encouraged to fill shoe boxes with personal care items, snacks, and games that were sent to soldiers serving overseas. **Shane Livingston**, Student Government vice president said, “Student Government is very excited about our community service project.” The service project allowed campus organizations to spread their excitement and joy derived from Homecoming to the soldiers who were often in great need of joy. “I was really impressed with this year’s participation. There were over a hundred shoe boxes full of supplies,” said Livingston.

Not only did Homecoming prove to be a time of great fun, lasting memories, and Falcon excitement, but a time to give back to those who are serving to keep America free.



After taking a break from the heat of his costume, **Derek Crites**, also known as the Falcon, continues pumping up the crowd gathered to enjoy the Homecoming parade. Although things inside the costume would really heat up, Crites remained proud to be the Falcon. *Photo By N.Morgan*

2003 Homecoming Queen , **Theresa Basile**, attaches her sign for the last time as Homecoming Queen. After attaching the sign, Basile made her final ride down the parade route. *Photo By N.Morgan*



Delta Zeta member, **Lesley Cunningham**, snaps a picture during the Homecoming Parade. Between Hawaiian floats and peers happily waving from convertibles, there were plenty of interesting subjects for Cunningham to photograph. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Before gearing up for the Homecoming parade **Josh Moore** enjoys the peace and quiet and gives his lungs a breather. *Photo By N.Morgan*

Homecoming Candidates

2004 Queen

Tiffany Wood
VP Residence Life



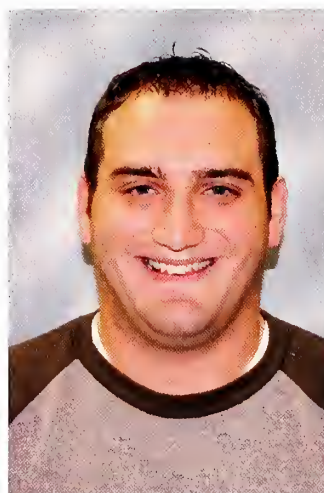
2004 King

Jonathan Bellamy
Fighting Falcons



Cain Noble
President TKE

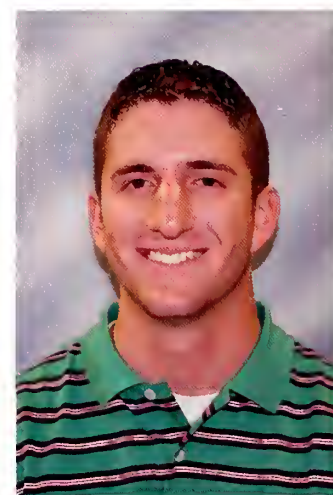
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Sigma Tau Gamma



Scott Riley
VP Tri Beta

Ashlea Bush
Tr. Sigma Sigma Sigma

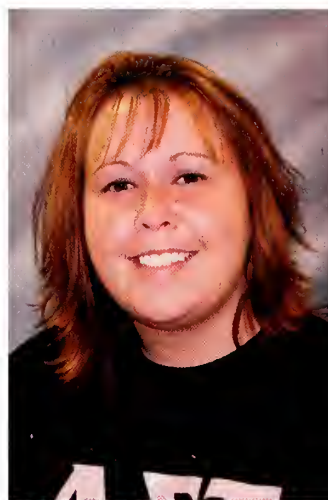
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Sigma Tau Gamma



Patricia Cosco
Tri Beta- Bio Honor

Joe Crowley
Honors Assoc.





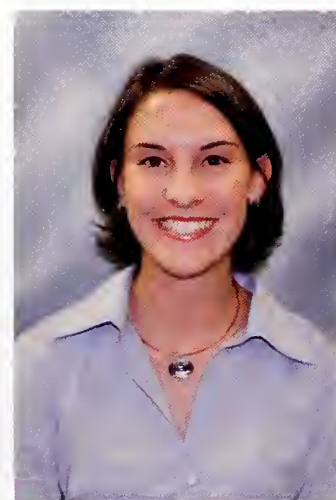
Meghan Phillips
VP Honors Assoc.
Randen McDonald
Health and Phys. Ed
Melissa Martin
Pres. Alpha Sigma Tau



Monica Brooks
Black Student Union
Kyle Stewart
Theatre Productions



Elizabeth Bickerton
Delta Xi Omicron
Donte "Peanut" Miles
Pres. Black Student Union
Sarah Grublatt
FS Theatre



Joseph Lowther
Pres. Phi Sigma Phi
Julie Volpe
Kappa Delta Pi

Photos By N. Price and J. Piscitelli

Showing off her sorority-made surfboard, Alpha Sigma Tau member **Megan Pittman** catches the wave with fellow sorority members and the fraternity members of Phi Sigma Phi. *Photo By N.Morgan*

Demonstrating his skills, **Rob Hardy**, along with two other band members, pumps up the crowd to the song "Wipe Out" in the Homecoming Parade. *Photo By N. Morgan*





Homecoming Queen **Tiffany Wood** brightly smiles after being crowned by **President Bradley**. Wood, sponsored by Residence Life, said, "Homecoming was a lot of work, but I was happy with the outcome." *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Sigma Sigma Sigma member **Stephanie Utt** keeps the sorority's canine companion company while waiting for the Homecoming Parade to begin. Sigma Sigma Sigma was joined on the float by Tau Kappa Epsilon. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Fighting Falcons **Justin Szajnecki**, **Josh Wray**, and **Ben Geary** chill out on the back of a pickup truck carrying several other Falcon football athletes in the Homecoming Parade. The parade was a walk in the park compared to the Homecoming Game that was to follow. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Homecoming King **Jonathan Bellamy** stands tall in his Falcon uniform as he is officially crowned Homecoming King 2004 by **Sheri Bradley**, wife of **President Bradley**. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

In attempt to spread Homecoming spirit, a student holds a sign urging peers and community members to "catch the wave" from upon a float. *Photo By N. Morgan*

The blinding midday sun gleams from behind the bell on the Quad. *Photo By N. Morgan*



The vibrant red paint can easily be seen after TBI coated the bell enough to cover up the layers of paint that had once shown as vividly on the bell. *Photo By N. Morgan*

The Battle for the Bell

By James Mou

The Quad: Home to people studying, laughing, rocking away at lunch-time concerts, and students fighting for the right to spray fraternity/sorority graffiti on the Quad bell.

To senior president of Delta Zeta, **Patricia Cosco**, the bell brought memories of standing outside on some very cold mornings to fight for the right to put her sorority's letters on the bell. "I guess the reason we still want the bell with our letters on it is because of tradition and honor. We carry on what was provided for us so we can give everyone in our sorority the same respect and tradition that we had when we pledged."

Senior treasurer of TBI, **Scott Riley**, felt that the bell was something he will always remember about his years at Fairmont State. When Scott had to paint the bell, his group actually caught the bell on fire. "We were lighting some paint chips on fire to stay warm and the whole bell just shot up in flames, but we managed to put the fire out with little damage done," said Scott. "Having your letters on the bell gets your name out. It's a tradition at Fairmont State that we must carry on for decades to come."

Chris Clayton, a senior technology education major, noticed the bell daily while walking to class or studying on the Quad. "I've never seen anyone painting it. I don't know how it gets there. It must be one of the fraternity's or sororities," thought Clayton.

The bell was a popular spot within the Quad, and some students may never forget the bell. But while it remains a mystery to those like Chris on the outside, to the many fraternity and sorority members on the inside, it will always be about tradition and competition.



Setting A the side Books e

By Rophe Wood

Boredom is seldom seen in the busy lives of college students, but when they find a few moments of spare time, where exactly do they spend it? Some opt for an evening spent in dorms, playing pool, or watching a movie with friends, while others take advantage of places around town where students can just hang out.

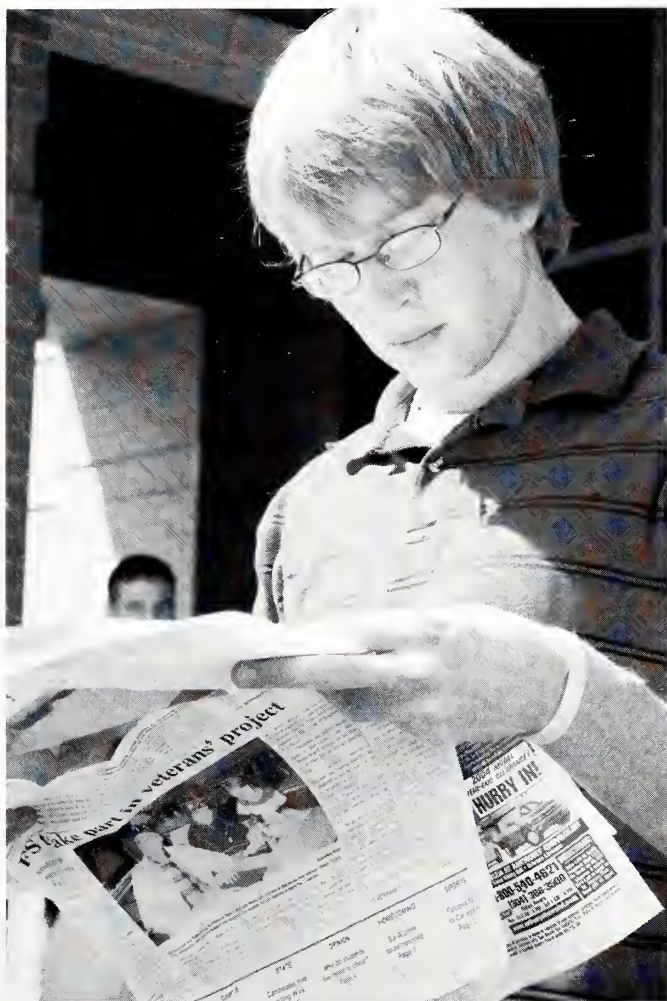
On campus, hangouts are easily accessible. Pence, Prichard, and Morrow Hall all provide a nice, relaxed area for students to play pool or catch up on a 7 o'clock movie. **Brittany Smithson** found that staying in the dorms could make for an eventful evening. "I'll just prop my door open sometimes, and soon enough my room is full of friends. It becomes my own little party right inside my room," said Smithson.

However, some students can't stand to be cooped up in their dorm 24/7 and have a strong desire to hit the town. The Book-N-Bean provides entertainment for

students on the weekends. Students can order a cappuccino at a low cost and catch up on the latest gossip or work on homework. "My Thursday nights always lead me to the Book-N-Bean. My friends and I usually hang out until closing time. It's a great atmosphere and the coffee is cheap and delicious," said **Melissa Pyatt**. If quiet conversation isn't your style, loud music and lots of people can always be found in local clubs such as The Library and Impulse. Closing time is around 3 a.m. and the fun never stops with karaoke and dancing.



Students hang out on the quad, while listening to a band play during the "Back to School Bash" sponsored by student government. Photo By N. Morgan



Taking a break from manning the student government booth at the activities fair on the Quad, sophomore, **Tristan Rosie** reads *The Columns*. Photo By N. Morgan



Bright pink flyers promoting the local student hang out, Impulse, litter the Quad. Photo By N. Morgan

A student takes a moment to relax away from class as he makes a call on a bench outside of the library. Some students found chatting on the phone to be a great way to get their minds off of their hectic collegiate lives. Photo By N. Morgan



A poster hung on the second floor of Jaynes Hall by PSA raised the question of, "Whose side are you on?" *Photo By N. Morgan*

The American flag became an important symbol in the Presidential Election because of the growing patriotism among Americans since 9/11. From lapel pins to posters and banners, the American flag could be seen throughout the campus and the community. *Photo By N. Morgan*



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Ian Harned proudly states his support for presidential candidate John Kerry by showing off his "Kerry for President" button during a visit from the Presidential Candidate's daughters Alexandra Kerry and Cate Edwards. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Picking the President

By Kelly Morgan

Every four years the United States enters a season of unification and division and a season of support and protest; every four years the United States enters the season of the Presidential Election.

On campus, daily life did not experience a significant change due to the election year. Construction could still be heard, instructors were still assigning homework, and finals were still on the way. But away from school, many students were busy at work supporting their candidate of choice through volunteering, participating in rallies, and attending political events.

Political Science major and president of the College Republicans, **Kristin House**, was pleased with the student participation in the election. "The 2004 presidential campaign was amazing! I couldn't believe how many FSU students were so passionate about the election and willing to get involved," Kristin said. The College Republicans also experienced much growth within the organization during the election season gaining 300 new members.

The Student Government also encouraged students to get involved in the election by hosting many events involving political figures. A rally was held on the Quad with Alex Kerry and Cate Edwards, daughters of presidential and vice-presidential candidates John Kerry and John Edwards. Many students gathered to hear what the ladies had to say about politics and their fathers' campaign. Another event held, was a debate between Reverend Al Shapton and journalist Tucker Carlson. But the largest political event held on campus was a rally with the controversial director of "Fahrenheit 911" Michael Moore. While many students, faculty, staff, and community members were in attendance, there were also many students and community members from across the state gathered in protest of the rally.

Other political figures visited the area throughout the campaign season including President George W. Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, presidential daughters Jenna and Barbara Bush, Vice presidential candidate John Edwards, as well as his wife Elizabeth Edwards,

Psychology major and editor of Whetstone, a campus art and literary journal, **Michelle Wakeley** felt, "It was more an election of Bush vs. not Bush." While the Republican candidate, President George W. Bush, was re-elected, the efforts of both conservative and liberal students was well worth it.

Young adults were often accused of poor participation in the political process, but many Falcons proved otherwise through their active participation and through their votes.



President of the College Republicans, **Kristin House**, speaks fondly of President Bush in an interview for the Columns while fashioning her W 2004 garb. "I had such fun during the election, and I am sad that it's over! I was ecstatic that President Bush was re-elected. I think he's a wonderful President and an amazing man!" said Kristin. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Student Government member, **Kasha Brown**, leads the singing of *The National Anthem* while sporting a patriotic ribbon during a Veteran's Day service honoring military students. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Sandra Ramirez and **Jennifer Haymon** take a break from the action of the Homecoming Game minutes before the announcement of King and Queen. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Student Gov. advisor **Laurie Johnston** briefs members **Shane Livingston**, **Sandra Ramirez**, **Aritha Alexander**, **Carly Barbor**, and **Myron Comstock** on their duties as parade organizers prior to the start of the annual Homecoming Parade. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Serving Campus and Community

By Rachel Skubis

If any organization deserved honor for their wide involvement in student-life and campus events, it was Student Government.

There were a variety of students—traditional and nontraditional—representing Student Government. There were around fifty positions, which were filled by students who, as Student Government President **Emily Narog** commented, “want to be involved in the activities and to also play an active role in the decisions made on campus.” Emily continued, “Student Government is only as good as its members, and I have to say, we have some of the most dedicated and hard working students volunteering.”

Members were required to sit on certain committees, and each representative attended these meetings and reported back to Student Government.

The executive committee in Student Government included: Junior Emily Narog, President; Junior **Shane Livingston**, Vice President; Junior **Jennifer Haymond**, Secretary; and **Junior Miranda Baker**, Treasurer. Emily stated, “The executive board works very well together. Each of us bring something different to the table, and when we collaborate together nothing seems impossible.”

Student Government organized the following entertainment in the fall semester: Comedian Mark Anthony; a salsa band Carnivalito with dance instructions, Movie Night with a showing of *Starsky and Hutch*; and Battle of the Sexes Game show which included cash prizes. They also always sponsored the first football game of the year and Homecoming events.

Student Government also worked towards school, community, and political awareness and outreach. The fall events included the following: Activities Fair; Voter Registration Days; Alcohol, Substance, and Sexuality Awareness Week; Domestic Violence Awareness Day; Al Sharpton and Tucker Carlson Debate; Michael Moore’s Slacker Uprising Tour; Blood Drive with Central Blood Bank; Veterans Day Celebration; World AIDs Day.

Spring events included the following: Martin Luther King Brunch; Spider-Man II Movie Night; Ernie Green; African American History Bowl; Mardi Gras Party and Cajun Dance; Leadership Conference; Hypnotist Thomas

Bresadola; Women of WV Celebration; Galumphs Dance Troupe performance; Comedy Night with a performance by the Have Nots; Live-at-Lunches, where bands from the area play during the lunch hour; and the Spring Carnival and Final Fling.

Student Government also decorated the campus for particular festivities and helped the community in different ways. The freshman class worked with Head Start, and the junior class was involved in a recycling project. The senior class began plans with the Heifer Project to end hunger in third world countries.

Student Government proved to be an excellent outlet for students to impact their campus and community, and kept non-Student Government students busy offering them a great variety of on-campus activities.



Student body President, **Emily Narog**, stands with the Homecoming Court during the half time of the West Liberty game at Duvall Rosier field. *Photo By J. Piscitelli.*

Musical Outlets

By Rachel Skubis

Taking vocal talent to the next level, Fairmont State students find much refuge and opportunity through their musical interest. Many students have made music a positive part of their lives—an outlet for praise, self-expression, and entertainment.

Sophomore, **Dusty Merrill** had been playing the drums for six years. Involved in three bands, including one through a campus organization, Baptist Campus Ministry, he used his talents as a form of rhythmic praise. “I’m blessed by every opportunity I get to use my gifts and talents to praise the Lord,” Dusty said.

Other students in the BCM band included junior, **Jeanna Myers**, and senior, **Christ Straight**.

“Music has given me unique, memorable, and awesome opportunities,” continued Dusty.

Performing at the Beanstock on a September

night, their energetic music filled the room. “We try to achieve an authentic Christian atmosphere for the people in our audience,” said Dusty. Their message, “Jesus rocks!” sounded loud and clear.

Sophomore, **Kaela Kuhn**, a voice major, had been singing in church and local contests and shows for twelve years. In the summer of 2004, she received the opportunity of almost every singer’s dream—a chance to make it for hit reality series, “American Idol.” After winning “West Virginia Idol,” a competition sponsored by WVAQ and Fox TV, Kaela was offered a guaranteed “American Idol” audition in Washington, DC. After performing in front of the executive producers of the show, she advanced to the third round. In her third audition in the presence of the famous Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson, and Simon Cowell, Kaela said her nerves overwhelmed her. Even so, finishing in the top 100 out of 20,000 other singers was a phenomenal achievement. “I was proud,” Kaela stated.

During her performances, Kaela hoped to spread her energy to her listeners. “I want my audience to feel the same emotions and excitement that I feel when singing,” said Kaela. She always held her vocal talent close to her heart. “My singing has made me a much more confident person all around. Singing is my life. It has molded my education and life goals,” Kaela stated, “It will take me to where I want to be.”

Nontraditional student, **Bill Stalnaker**, was the organizer of the “Johnny Johnson Blues and Jazz Festival” and performed in the band “The Night Moves.” His father was in the first rock band in West Virginia called “The Shades,” and music had been a part of his life forever. “I have experienced a lot of things that I wouldn’t have experienced if not for music,” said Bill.

Music is a profound gift not only to a person’s ear, but also to the listener and performer’s soul. Nurturing their talents with practice and putting their talent into action, students demonstrated that the power of music goes beyond preset mechanisms and into the vibrancy of life itself.



Local band, 2nd Naycha, performs for students during the Back to School Bash on the Quad. Photo By N. Morgan



The Baptist Campus Ministry Praise Band performs for students at The Bean Stock. Band members included students **Chris Straight**, Adam Gripper (WVU), **Jenna Myers**, **Dusty Merrill**, and Tim Snyder (AB). *Photo By R. Skubis*



Persis Bates, Mickey Patel, Semit Assefaw, and Amrita Rochect let loose at a luau in Colebank Hall sponsored by the Student Government. International students, Mickey and Semit found plenty of ways to get involved in campus activities. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

across Ocean the blue

By Kelly Morgan



Flags representing the home countries of many foreign students adorn the International Students' table during the activities fair held on the Quad. Photo By N. Morgan

Students headed to Fairmont State every fall from all over. Some came from northern West Virginia while others came from southern West Virginia, and some came from Maryland and other states within our region. Then there were the 63 students who came from across U.S. borders and sometimes across an ocean. Of those 63 students, 16 countries were represented on campus including Hungary, Bermuda, Canada, Bulgaria, Japan, Nepal, China, Ecuador, India, Ethiopia, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Haiti, Croatia, Mali, and Venezuela.

International student **Mariko Tsuruta**, came to the United State three years ago from Japan. After working with a company who assisted her in finding three colleges or universities that fit her requested criteria, she finally settled on Fairmont State because the tuition was more reasonable than the others.

Mariko who is currently working on her nursing degree found the language barrier the most difficult obstacle to overcome, especially between herself and young people. And although Mariko did not live on campus, she was curious as to what international students who did live on campus were expected to do during holidays when the dorms were closed. "Would they expect us strangers who just came from another country, to have a place to stay? Or do they think all international students are rich enough to pay the extra payment? Do they have any idea how many international students have to worry about the next vacation to look for a place to stay?" But overall, Mariko found Fairmont State to be a good place to study with kind and helpful instructors.

Most of the International students who came to the United States to study, proved to be hard workers and were highly respected among their peers and instructors. And while International students came as foreigners, they left as Falcons.

Back Students gave

By James Mou

For the 80 plus students doing community service under Director **Donna Yergovich Nuzum**, a question of thought was raised, "How can I be of help to others in my community?"

"Fairmont State's Community Service Learning (CSL) program is a win-win situation for all involved. Non-profit organizations and agencies are given the opportunity to be assisted by knowledgeable students wanting to give back to the community. The students have the opportunity for a hands-on learning experience that complements and enhances their learning not only as a student, but as a viable citizen," said Nuzum, CLS director of five years. According to Nuzum, students who are enrolled in CSL are expected to fulfill a minimum of 20 hours a semester of volunteer work (approximately two hours a week). Additionally, the opportunity is available for several students from a class to work on a one-time or semester project for an organization or agency. "Our services are vastly multi-faceted ranging from tutoring to building play grounds to being companions to the elderly to developing marketing strategies to teaching dance."

Business major **Barbara Morris** felt, "The impact from the opportunities offered with the CSL opportunity has been overwhelmingly positive. I was given a chance to prove to others and myself what I am capable of doing and doing well. My confidence level was elevated, and the determination to go above and beyond was broadened by the whole experience."

To **Dr. Chris Lavorata**, education professor, "CSL deepens and broadens my course in ways that would never occur if the text and classroom were my only tools. I am gratified in knowing that through CSL, my students not only have immediate opportunities to practice and apply what I teach, but they receive life knowledge as knowledge my students can carry with them forever."

According to Robin Smith, director of the Marion County United Way, "Community service has two impacts on the United Way. First, it identifies service providers that assist us and our member agencies in providing critical care and services in Marion County. Secondly, it provides us a means to communicate a sense of community spirit and help individuals feel connected and useful to their neighbors."

Throughout the year at Fairmont State, community service was in full swing and headed in a great direction. Nuzum was excited about the future of community service learning at Fairmont State and the possibilities that lie ahead.



Eric Spatafore, a member of the Falcon baseball team, takes time out of his busy schedule to serve his community by painting and beautifying a local park.
Photo By N. Morgan



Randy McKinley reads *Captain Underpants* to a group of children at First United Methodist Church as a part of the American Reads campaign. Not only was Randy able to give back to his community, he was also able to earn service hours towards his education degree. *Photo By N. Morgan*

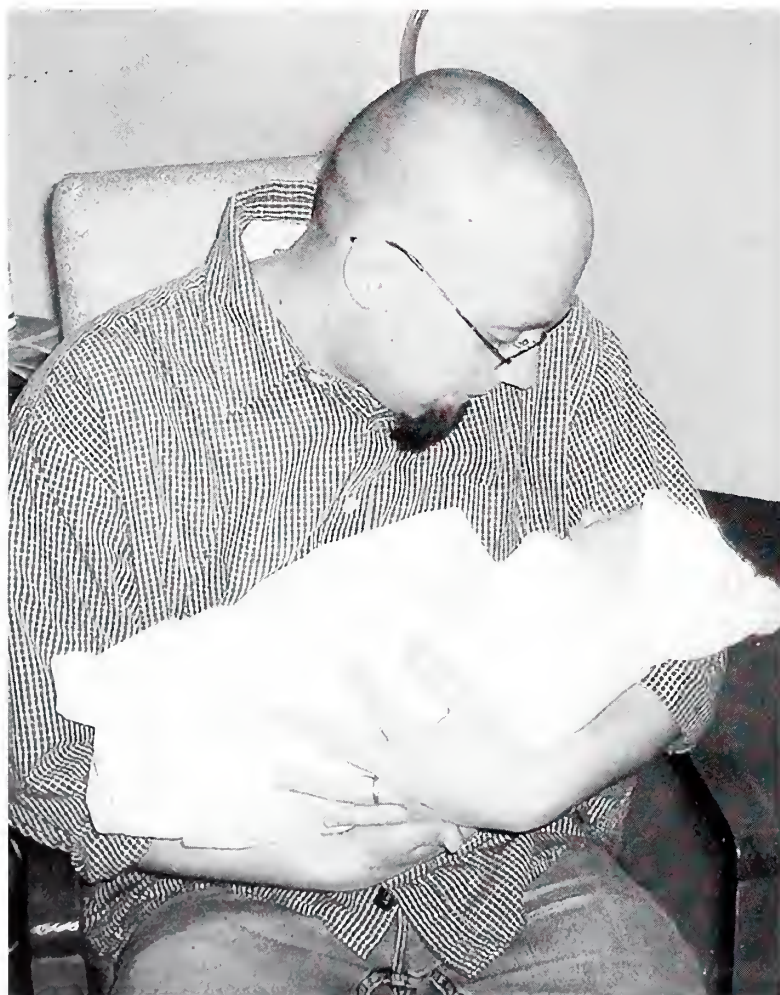
Wearing a homemade name tag, **Lindsay Edwards** takes time to sit down and complete an art project with some local school children. *Photo By N. Morgan*



books and binkies

By Kelly Morgan

Being a college student offered enough challenges for students to overcome, but adding children to the mix completely raised the bar for student parents. Not only are student parents concerned with the typical college things like registering for classes, purchasing books, homework, and finals, but with the concerns of another person; bathing, feeding, clothing, parenting, boo boos, scratches, and binkies.



First time father, **Mark Fisher** holds his new baby son, Samuel Alexander, at Fairmont General Hospital on March 22. While Mark enjoyed being a father, he found it to be "sleepless." "Your life totally changes in the span of like a few hours." *Photo Submitted By M. Fisher*

Columns Editor, **Jessica Lawson** came to Fairmont State with her three-year-old son Gage and knew she had to find that point of balance to be both a mom and a college student. Although Jessica found it hard to study once she left campus, she tried to involve her son in her studies and suggested that other student parents do the same. "I read British lit to my son," said Jessica.

Melissa Garcia also understood the difficulties associated with being a student parent. While many students may roll out of bed, throw on some clothes, and stumble into class, Melissa's mornings were quite different. She'd wake up about 6:45 a.m. attempt to wake up her three-year-old daughter, Isabell, around 7:15 a.m. then proceed to clothe her in bed, do her hair in bed, squeeze shoes on her in bed, and then drag her to the bathroom to brush her teeth. Once Melissa was finally able to get out of the house, it was on to daycare, then to class. "Some days are good, but it depends on her mood," said Melissa. Melissa quickly learned to do just what was necessary. While she experienced long nights and used every spare moment for studying, she was fortunate to have helpful friends and understanding professors.

Even though being a student parent proved to be tough, Jessica and Melissa agreed that if the means are there, parents should continue their education because, "In the long run, it helps you and it helps them," said Melissa.



Jamie Krawiec sits outside of the Hardway Building with her son Nathan Roamano. Jamie's fiancé and son would often meet her after class. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Student and mom, **Vivian Tassos**, escorts her son Steve, along with her husband at a WVU Mountaineer game honoring him as a senior athletic trainer. *Photo Submitted By V. Tassos*



Hitting the slopes

By James Mou

As it is every year, snow usually dominates the winter season. With snow comes the much-anticipated ski season. For many students, skiing was the perfect way to get their minds off of the stresses of college life.

For sophomore, Architectural Engineering student, **Patrick McCord**, the ski season was nothing short of spectacular. "I have been a skier for several years now, and each year it gets better and better," stated McCord. During the month of January, McCord and a couple of friends went to Snowshoe resort, located in Pocahontas County. "Don't get me wrong, skiing is an expensive sport, but nothing can even come close to touching it."

Fellow skier and junior Information Systems student, **Matt Burnett** stated, "Skiing is a rush like none other. You have to experience it to get a full grasp of the sport. You can't just watch the sport on TV and claim you know all about it." He too joined McCord on the slopes and felt the trip was well worth the money.

Students and skiers across the globe kept this winter sport alive for yet another extreme season. For the die-hard skiers, if there was snow, then they were there.



Skis lie in wait near a snowboard ramp at Wisp, while their owner relaxes and warms in the lodge. Skiing was a popular outdoor activity for many students during the winter months. *Photo By N. Morgan*



A stack of skis rest against the lodge at Wisp Ski Resort in Deep Creek, Maryland where students often enjoyed recreation on the slopes. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Amanda Cobb enjoyed a day of skiing with her boyfriend at Timberline Ski Resort. "I don't really know how to ski, but it's still fun," said Amanda. *Photo Submitted By A. Cobb*



On the Road... again

By James Mou

Whether by car, plane, train, or boat, there was always a Falcon traveling somewhere. Some simply commuted to and from class while others traveled home for a visit. Some students even ventured beyond the borders of the United States.

Junior Civil Engineering major, **Kevin Funk** traveled two hours each way to see his family and friends back home. He'd leave on Fridays and come back on Sundays, "I like the break on the weekend to go home, relax, and get away from the pressures of everyday college life," said Funk.

Kevin was just one of the many students who traveled throughout the year, but his traveling was a short distance compared to **Laura Evert's** journey to England. Laura, the freshman Education major, traveled to Debby, England about every three to five years. Laura and her mom, brother, and sister made the trip to England to visit her grandmother. "I enjoy the trip because I get to see my grandmother and take in the culture of another country," said Laura.

International student and senior General Business major, **Tadayoshi Shirotori** had a different type of travel experience than most other students. Tadayoshi came to Fairmont from Japan five years ago. "I get to go home and visit every break; the trip is long, but the education I get here at Fairmont State is well worth it." Even with the distance that lies between Tadayoshi and his family, he never seemed to get too homesick, possibly due to the kind people on campus that greeted him as a friend.

Whether a two hour trip home or an international flight to England, traveling remained an important part of Falcon life to all.



After swiping their student ID, a student exits the parking garage and heads off campus. Personal vehicles often played a key role in the daily travels for many students. *Photo By N. Morgan*



A sign warns drivers of an approaching curve on Route 19 south between Morgantown and Fairmont. Commuters often battled snow and other hazardous weather conditions in an attempt to make it to class. *Photo N. Morgan*

SpeakingOUT

By Kelly Morgan

College is an institution that not only trains students academically, but trains them to think and develop their own ideas about life and the world in which they live. Throughout the year, many speakers and performers were brought on campus to assist Fairmont State in doing just that.

Speakers included such political figures as film maker, Michael Moore, journalists, Tucker Carlson, Rev. Al Sharpton, daughters of the Democratic presidential and vice-presidential candidates, Alex Kerry and Cate Edwards. Non-political speakers and performers included religious theologian and social activist Cornel West, Jen Chapin who spoke to students about world hunger, Charlotte Meade who spoke about racial issues and Eric Simpson who discussed AIDS.

Michael Moore, however was undoubtedly the most controversial speakers invited on campus. Many students, faculty, and community members gathered on campus both in protest and support of the film maker who directed *Fahrenheit 911*. But it wasn't all Democrats who supported Moore, or all Republicans who despised him. Spanish and French major **Sarah Mauler** was one student Democrat who did not support what Moore had to say. "He doesn't raise awareness about the issues," said Sarah.

While some may have argued that there was or was not a fair balance of speakers from the different spectrums of life and politics, Fairmont State was successful in provoking thought and enthusiasm among students. "I think it is our job to discuss the topics our students and community are interested in and to tackle the issues faced by our nation. I hope we always continue to bring outstanding speakers to our campus, as well as speakers which can affect change among the people," said Director of Student Activities, **Laurie Johnston**.



Alexandra Kerry, daughter of presidential candidate John Kerry, talks to a reporter after speaking to students who were gathered on the Quad for an event to increase collegiate voting.
Photo By N.Morgan





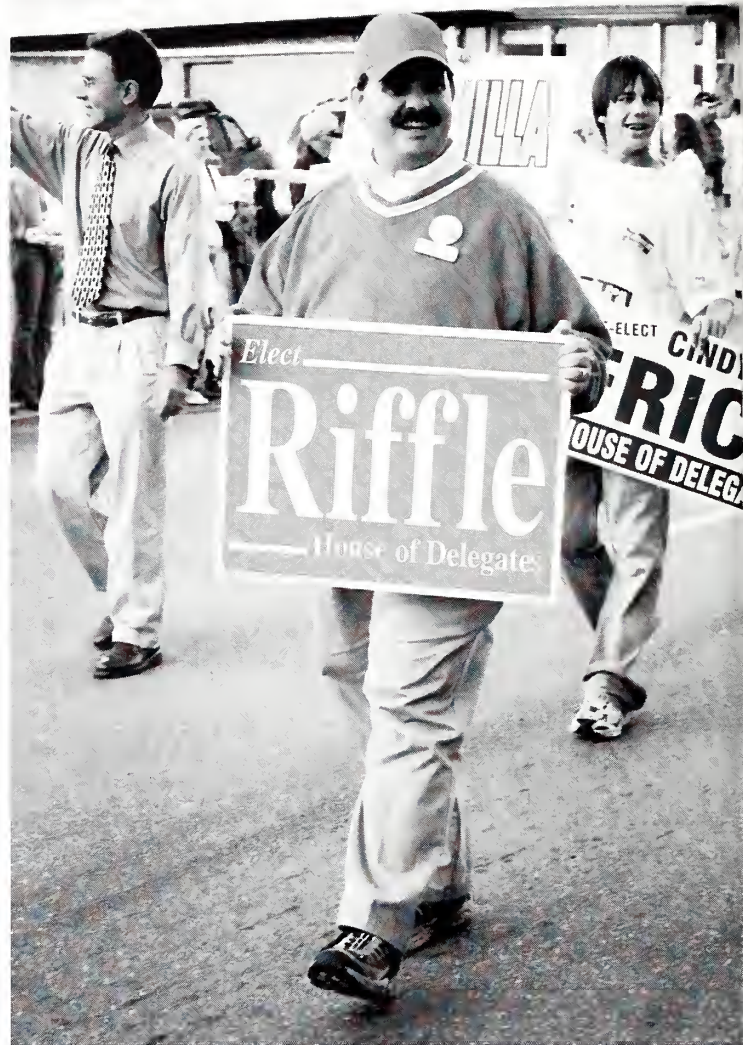
Controversial film maker Michael Moore, raises his hands as a gesture of thanks for the mixed greetings from supporters and protestors gathered in the Feaster Center. Michael Moore traveled to college campuses around the nation as a part of his "Slacker Uprising Tour." *Photo By N. Morgan*



Brought on campus by the Student Government, Rev. Al Sharpton speaks to students and faculty during a debate against journalist Tucker Carlson. Sharpton and Carlson touched on issues such as foreign affairs, politics, and religion. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Books written by Dr. Cornel West sat ready to be purchased during West's visit to campus. The religious theologian and social activist advised the students and faculty to use Socrates' philosophy to examine what it means to be human and to look inward to learn about their true selves. *Photo By N. Morgan*

House of Delegates candidate and FS student, **Jeff Riffle** walks down High Street in Morgantown during the University High School Homecoming parade carrying one of his campaign signs. "Riffle for House of Delegates" signs could be seen throughout Morgantown prior to the November election. *Photo By N.Morgan*



Students supporting the Kerry-Edwards ticket countered the protest of Bush-Cheney supporters who were gathered outside of the Feaster Center before Michael Moore's presentation. Students on both sides of the political spectrum were present and passionate about Moore's visit. *Photo By N. Morgan*



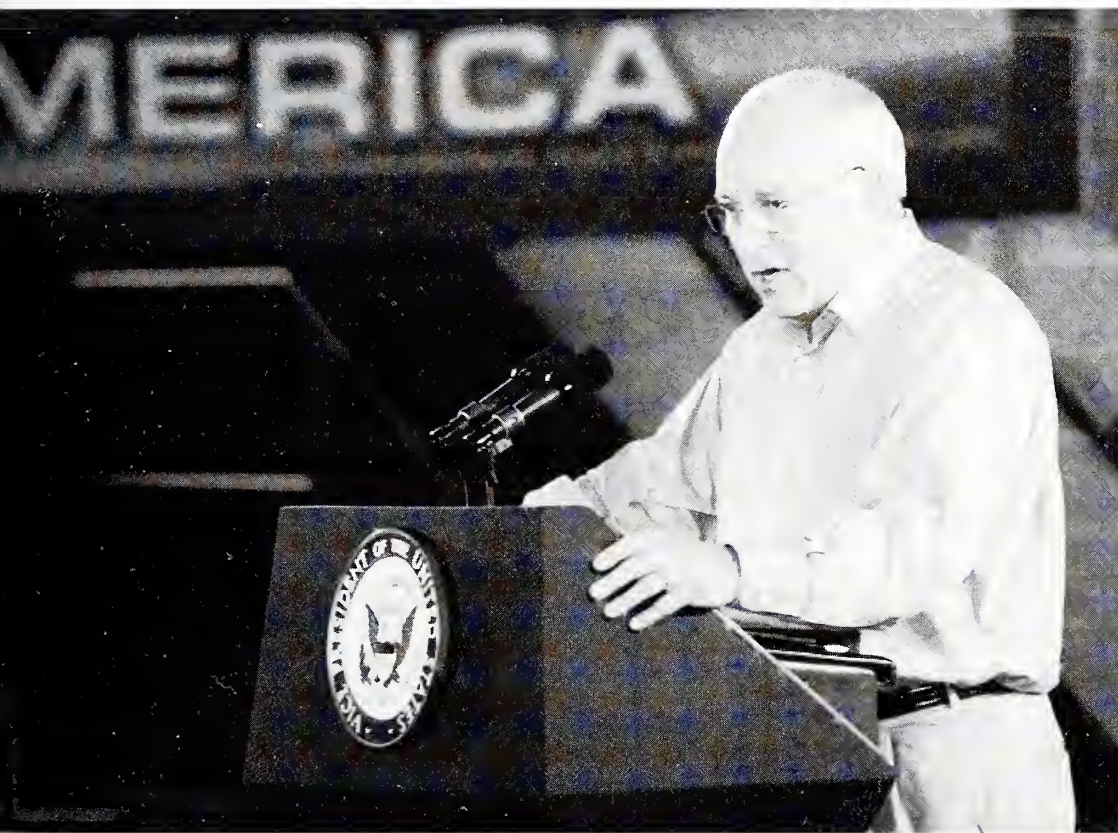
running the race

By Kelly Morgan

Politics is typically an area where students are either interested or not. They either love politics or they could simply care less, but many Falcons proved their immense interest in politics through their local political service and even running for political office.

For Education major, **Blaine Richards**, running for the House of Delegates proved to be a learning experience. Blaine put "countless hours" into his political campaign and learned how to raise money and how to get votes. And although Blaine was not elected for office he will "definitely" run again.

Jeff Riffle, not only ran for a seat in the House of Delegates, but got involved in politics on campus by writing a regular political column in the Columns newspaper called "The Riff Side." Although Jeff's columns would often evoke many letters to the editor, it showed that students were interested and willing to take a stand for what they believe in. "It was definitely positive. Any time students get involved it's positive," said Columns editor, **Jessica Lawson**.



Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to a crowd at the Nathan Goff Armory. Vice President Cheney spoke about American leadership and the political agenda while many supporters chanted "four more years." While Vice President Cheney was serious in his words, he managed to keep the mood light with humor. "People keep telling me that Senator Edwards got picked for his good looks, his charm, his sex appeal, and he's got great hair. I say to them, 'How do you think I got the job?'" Photo By N. Morgan

Another student with an interest in politics was Political Science major, **Shane Livingston**. Shane along with three other students, **Kristin House**, **Nathan Morgan**, and **Kelly Morgan**, attended a two week seminar held in Washington, D.C. through the Washington Center for Academic Seminars. The first week was focused on political journalism, while the second week was centered on the presidential inauguration. "I think the Washington Center experience provided me with the invaluable insight into the way the media can influence politics, and politics can influence the media. It also provided great insight into the process of presidential transition," said Shane. The Washington Center brought a great variety of speakers into the nation's capitol for the seminar including, Sam

Donaldson, Kim Hume, David Broder, Bob Schieffer, Ted Koppel, Brian Lamb, Ann Compton, and many others. Ann Compton was Shane's favorite speaker, "I loved her inside account of President Bush's activities on September 11th," said Shane.

While some students failed to understand the importance and relevance of politics in their lives, many students did understand and found that politics could even be exciting. The students that did get involved in politics made a difference and made lasting and historical memories.

Honoring those who served

By Kelly Morgan

When students think of the American military, they tend to think of adult soldiers who are complete strangers. Some students may have a friend or family member, but students often forget that our military is also made from peers and fellow students just like them.

Three of those student soldiers included **Lance Cpl. James Riffle**, **Lance Cpl. Nathan Carpenter**, and **Cpl. Oscar Aguilera**. When not on duty, these men were typical students who could even be seen on campus, eating in the cafeteria, using the Activities Center, or struggling through classes and finals.

Student and girlfriend of Oscar Aguilera, **Kera Cherrey** experienced first hand what it was like to have a loved one serving in Iraq. After Oscar left in January, Kera found herself quite lonely and often worried about her boyfriend and their relationship, and found that staying busy on campus was helpful in getting through the difficult times. And since Oscar had been gone, Kera actually felt as though their relationship had actually grown stronger. "We talk all the time," said Kera. Between the four phones and computers on Oscar's base in Al Anbar, Iraq, they managed to talk or email every other day. But Kera did miss having Oscar home. "Oscar was a big relaxer in my life, and one of my fondest memories was when we used to take his dog (Bear) out for a walk. It was nice to spend time with him and to get outside."

Even though Oscar had many things on his mind being away from home, he remained focused on his mission as a marine. "Our mission right now is not to take over the country, but to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people."

While Kera and Oscar had their own story, thousands of people across the world have their own stories as well. Each soldier had a mom or dad, husband or wife, sibling or child waiting for them to come home. And each of these soldiers deserved the respect, honor, and love for protecting America, spreading peace and hope, and for keeping America's promise to the Iraqi people. Thank you.



Military student, **Lance Cpl. James Riffle** holds his hat respectfully at his side during an interview for the Columns, prior to a Veteran's Day service held on the Quad honoring the military service of both current and former soldiers. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Cpl. Oscar Aguilera, Lance Cpl. Nathan Carpenter, and Lance Cpl. James Riffle sit at attention as members of the Student Government speak during a ceremony to honor veterans. *Photo By N. Morgan*

While speaking with fellow students, **Cpl. Oscar Aguilera** explains the meaning and significance of the medals attached to his uniform. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Falcon Faith

By Rachel Skubis

On and off campus, students were involved in faithful service and religious organizations. Helping others, sharing time in prayer and conversation, and surrounding themselves in a moral atmosphere, they take an active role in spreading Christian influence and inspiration.

Senior **Adam Casto** and sophomore **Sarah Onderko** were members of Chi Alpha, a campus organization for Christian Fellowship. Chi Alpha met the first Thursday of every month in the Turley Center and every Thursday after that at Trinity Assembly of God in Whitehall. Sarah stated, "The fact that there are people that care attracts others to the organization, and people have a desire to find their true purpose in life."

Sarah was a member for the past year and a half, while Casto had been a member for four years. Adam and Sarah participated in the "Fall Advance" in Romney, WV October 15-17. The group stayed in cabins and tents and spent the retreat in worship, prayer, survivor-style games and competitions, hiking, etc. Concerning the impact that Chi-Alpha had on his life, Adam said, "It gives me great friendships, a closer walk with God, and sets a purpose for my life."

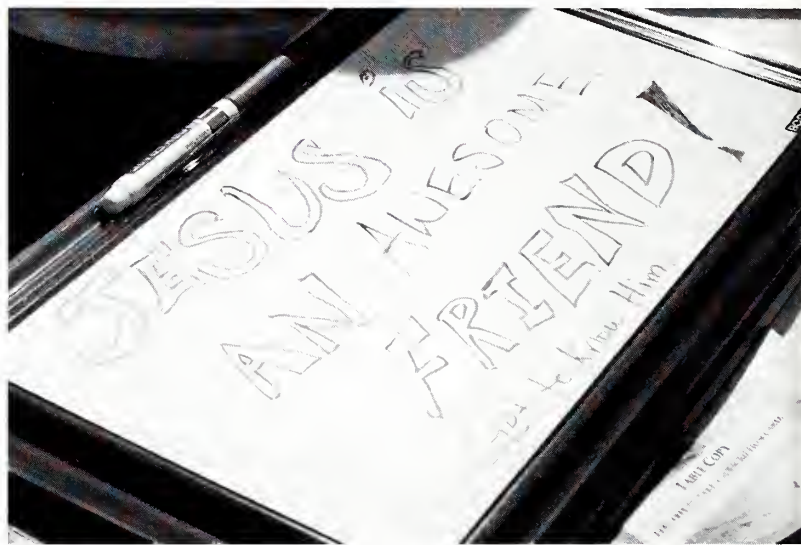
Other Chi Alpha activities included a variety of community service and outreaches. They hosted an International Student Reception at the beginning of the fall semester, where individuals from churches donated items, such as house items, appliances, and couches, and food and games were prepared to welcome students. Chi Alpha also had a missions' trip in the spring to Tibet, China, where they took food and shared time with the children in games of basketball.

Another campus religious organization was Baptist Campus Ministry. This group of students met Tuesdays at Baptist Temple Church in Fairmont, where they sang, prayed, and listened to speakers. Junior **Becky Nestor** led the meetings with social mixers and prayer. She had been part of the leadership team for the past two years. "It is awesome to see BCM grow and see how it changes people's lives. They come in confused and come out peaceful," Becky commented.

Other religious activities took place off campus. Senior **Chris Sharps** had been the music director at The Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church in Monongah since 2000. He stated, "I carefully reflect on the Scripture selected for the week and do everything in my power to assure that the community participates both mentally and physically in the Mass." He also taught CCD and arranged a variety of faith and social activities for the youth to attend.

Junior **Krista Riffle**, also a Catholic, was a CCD teacher for second-graders at Immaculate Conception Church in Fairmont. Her service allowed her to share the faith as well as prepare her in working with children in her elementary education major. "Being involved in my church's youth program has given me more confidence in what I want to do with my life," Krista said. Likewise, Senior **Maria Mutafis** spent her Sundays inspiring second and third graders at St. James Catholic Church in Clarksburg. "I originally took the position because I have never been extremely involved in the church, and they were more than ever in need for teachers. It has turned out to offer so much more than I expected. I learned so much that will benefit my education career in the future," Maria stated.

For these Fairmont State students, religious participation was not a required task but a blessed opportunity to spread goodness to the community at-large. By sharing their enthusiasm, friendship, and talents to others, they found peace and enjoyment aside from the daily conflicts and stresses of college life.



A small dry erase board that reads "Jesus is an awesome friend, Get to know him!" rests on the table of Chi Alpha during the Activities Fair on the Quad. Photo By N. Morgan



Brittany Tobin fills out a C.A.R.E. information and request form during the Activities Fair. Prayer was just one of the many services Christian organization Chi Alpha had to offer students. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Chi Alpha members **Adam Casto** and **Sarah Miller** man their organization's table at the fall Activities fair. *Photo By N. Morgan*



one-of-a-kind three-of-a-kind

By Rachel Skubis

College and life experiences are always happier when we have someone to relate to, talk to, and to love. For **Jessica, Jaye, and Jamie Smith**, a friend is never too far away, nor too indistinguishable in appearance. Jessica, a criminal justice major in her first year of graduate school, said, "Life as a triplet is almost always funny. The expression on people's faces when they find out there are three of us can be pretty laughable sometimes." Jamie, a senior biology major, agreed, "It is fun to confuse people." Besides sharing physical similarities, these girls also share a close relationship they are very fortunate for. "I always have someone to study with, and that has made all my classes a lot easier. Looking the same has never really influenced our lives too greatly." Jaye, also a senior biology major, stated, "There is always a shoulder to lean on." Jamie agreed, "I always have someone to talk to who understands me."

Sophomore music education major **Ashley Davis** and senior psychology major **John J. Davis** celebrated Christmas break in a very special way, welcoming one another into each other's hearts and lives as they wed on December 18, 2004. J.J. proposed to Ashley in February of 2004 at the church where they met. "When I walked in the church there was a trail of red rose pedals and cards all the way down the aisle with sweet thoughts written on each one," Ashley recalled. "It was probably the most romantic thing I have ever done, but for her it was worth it," said J.J. "J.J. is the most giving, compassionate person I know," said Ashley, "Everyday is a journey we travel together, and it just keeps getting better and better."

Jodi Gorrell and **Kellie Gank** had been best friends since their freshman year. They were both senior graphics majors and were sisters in the Delta Xi Omicron sorority. "We met the very first day of classes our freshman year and became friends instantly," Jodi recalled. They had almost all the same classes together and both graduated in May. Kellie and Jodi wouldn't only be "sisters" but a true family as well. Kellie was engaged to Jodi's brother, and planned to marry in April of 2006. "Yes, I set them up," Jodi stated. Kellie commented, "Being 'family' will not really change anything. We are basically family now." Kellie would not share marriage preparations alone—Jodi got engaged within a month of Kellie's engagement. "Our weddings are only two months apart, so after we graduate we will be spending a lot of time helping each other with our weddings, which will be exciting," Jodie stated.

Whether it be family, couples, or friends, any relationship is undoubtedly one-of-a-kind and not to be taken for granted.



Jennifer Forbey signs a get well card outside of the Turley Center for her friends, **Monica Brooks** and **Jean Dabady**, who were in a car accident the night before.
Photo By N. Morgan



Donell Lee, thumbs through the Valentine's Day cards in the bookstore for his girlfriend, **Lakeya Gray**. The bookstore offered cards for all occasions year-round. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Alpha Sigma Tau member, **Brandi Callarir**, pets Buggy the dog, owned by **Jack Nestor** during the Activities Fair on the Quad. Brandi and Jack both found that relationships are not limited to those with two legs. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Money habits

By Kelly Morgan and Angela Dunlap

Living on a student's income is the first economic lesson many students learn upon arrival of college. Most students live on a very modest income, whether they work or are supported by their parents. With rent, utilities, transportation, insurance, food, and gas prices on the rise, many parents were not able to fully support their children. As a result, students learned to stretch their money through sale shopping and penny pinching. Many students also worked part or full time jobs on campus or at a business around town.

Freshman **Mary Glenn** was one of the many students who worked to support themselves while in college. "I work part time at Sam's Club. That helps pay for the utilities and food. I use my student aid check to help pay the rent, car payment and insurance. There isn't much left for books so I order them off line where they're a lot cheaper," said Mary.

Married student **Jennifer Murray** felt that being married gave her an advantage over other students since her husband had a secure job with the FBI. While Jennifer and her husband tried to buy what was on sale and limited their gas usage and entertainment expenses, coupon clipping was out of the question, "Who has time to clip coupons," asked Jennifer.

Ashley Hinerman found credit cards to be a necessary evil in her economic survival even though she advised against it. Ashley also limited her driving due to gas prices which escalated above \$2.25/gallon, and kept an eye open for those sales.

Through hard work, careful budgeting, and sometimes coupon clipping, students managed to make it through each semester with all of their needs met... even if they had to use the cheap toilet paper and the off brand cereal.



Although credit and debit cards were growing in popularity, cash continued to play an important role in the lives of students both on and off of campus. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Jared Richards makes a phone call to his boss and cousin, **Blaine Richards**, while working at Vintage Games located in the Mountaineer Mall. Jared and Blaine both found working to be an essential part of their daily lives in order to pay tuition and bills. *Photo By N. Morgan*

going Greek

By James Mou

Amber Mcwha serves ice cream during a Bring Your Own Banana (BYOB) ice cream social sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma in the Turley Center lobby. *Photo By N. Morgan*

TBI brothers, **Chad Marsh** and **Nathan Dillon**, take time to enjoy the fall weather during the Homecoming game against West Liberty. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Representing Delta Zeta at the Activities Fair on the Quad, **Lauren Kimbrew** and **Andrea Talreico** leave carrying some of the props used to decorate their table at the end of the day. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Taking advantage of leadership and service opportunities gave students great experiences to take with them into their future careers and communities. On campus, fraternities and sororities were in full swing due to the many students who wanted to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them through Greek Organizations. Fraternities such as Tau Beta Iota, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Sig Tau Gamma, and others took action in their communities as well as sororities Delta Zeta, Tri Sigma, Alpha Sigma Tau, and Delta Xi Omicron.

December graduate, **Scott Riley**, who received a bachelor of science in biology, made his fraternity a top priority. Scott was a member of Tau Beta Iota and was the treasurer of TBI. Scott was also grateful for his fraternity accomplishments. "Being in a frat meant having family. Those guys are my brothers, and I would do anything for them. There is no doubt in my mind that those guys would do the same for me. That's how close we have become," said Scott. TBI was a big help on campus and in the community as well. Scott also had his views on why students feel the need to become part of a Greek organization. "I think at first it's for a sense of belonging. Students want to meet new people so they join a fraternity, and then they realize that it's much more than that and turns out to be one of the best decisions of their lives."

Along the same lines, but of a different gender, senior Biology major and Delta Zeta President **Patricia Cosco** had her views on why students want to belong to a Greek organization. "Being in a sorority helped me to meet and get to know a lot of people that I probably wouldn't have met before. Being a Delta Zeta, I know that there are girls that I can rely on at any time of day no matter what; of course you have closer bonds with some more than others." Delta Zeta was also a big contributor to the community, "We raised money for Make A Wish Foundation and granted a little girl's wish, we raised money for MS and for the Humane Society," said Patricia.

Being a part of a Greek organization was something open to anyone. Some joined to have a good time, some to meet people, and others for a sense of belonging or responsibility. But whatever the reason, these fraternity and sorority members offered great contributions on and off of campus.



Justin Filer, William Rouse, and Matt
Bardak drive down George Street
during the annual Homecoming parade.
Photo by M. Morgan

Holiday Traditions

By Kelly Morgan and Angela Dunlap

Traditions have always been a part of human life, often beginning with the birth of a child and continuing through the college years and on to adulthood. While many students on campus decided to continue with their family's traditions; others opted to start their own holiday traditions with their friends on campus.

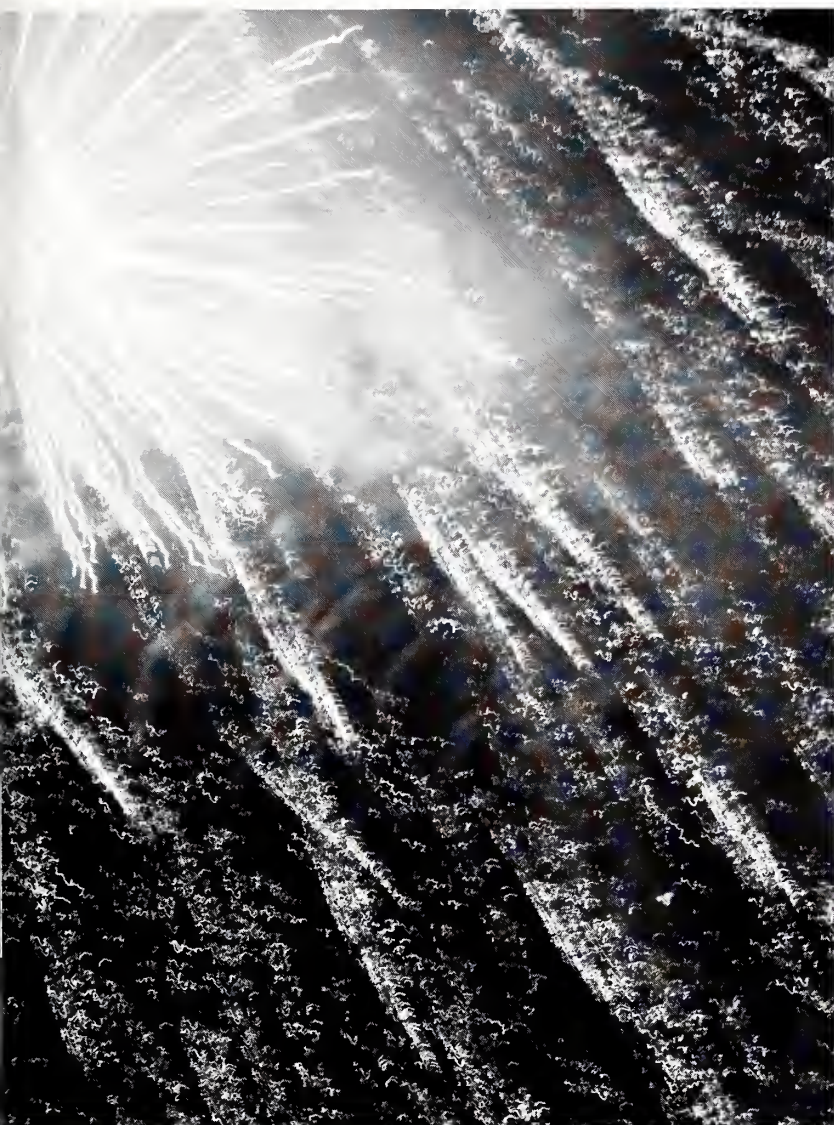
"The holidays are a time for me to sit back, hang out with my family, and have a good time," said junior **Heather Morgan**. Heather chose to go home for the holidays and continue the holiday traditions established by her family. "My sister comes home and we all cook and eat a lot, and then we go to church on Christmas Eve," said Heather.

But for senior **William Feathers** going home for the holidays felt

strange, "When you live on your own for so long and you go back home, you feel like your family still sees you as just a kid," said William. William along with other students who weren't too keen on going home, chose to spend holidays with their friends making new traditions together.



Alice Shrestha made Christmas cards along with **Senit Assefaw** in the Turley Center lobby. All students were invited to participate in the holiday craft. Photo By N. Morgan



Traditional 4th of July fireworks light up the night sky over Morgantown. For many communities across the nation, fireworks were an annual and essential aspect to any Independence Day celebration. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Mound Editor, **Kelly Morgan** checks out the Indian Corn at a roadside stand while on her way to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland. Kelly, along with her husband made it an autumn tradition to take advantage of the festive local produce like pumpkins and corn to decorate their home. *Photo By N. Morgan*



taking a break

By Kelly Morgan
and Macole Bunner

Imagine sitting on an exotic beach, soaking in the sun, and sipping tropical beverages. This was a paradise-like reality for many students as they vacated campus for Spring Break. While not all students headed for warmer climates, they all fled campus for their much needed break.

Like many college students throughout the nation, **Issac Weaver** headed south and joined the spring break crowd at Daytona Beach. Issac planned to "lay drunk for six days in the sun," and enjoy "a lot of hot girls in bikinis." Daytona Beach was just one of the several beaches named Spring Break hot spot. Panama City was another popular Spring Break destination.

Unlike Issac, **Jared Urse** planned a spring break trip with his girlfriend to New York City, "I can't wait to get out of Fairmont and see New York with all the restaurants and sights. It's sure to be a good time for me and my girl friend," said Jared. Although Jared didn't exactly head for warmer climates, he still expected to have a great spring break with his girlfriend.

And while many students went cross country to their homes to visit family or favorite vacations spots, student **Kevin Smith** decided to really get away from campus, so he headed out of the country to England. "I like to travel so I thought this would be a great time to go over seas," said Kevin.

Whether sun bathing or sight seeing, or catching up with family or catching up on sleep, Spring Break provided students a chance to just get away from their hectic lives on campus.



James Mou shows off a \$40,000 space glove which had actually been used in space, while visiting the NASA Goddard Space Center in Green Belt, MD over Spring Break. James felt that his trip with the NASA Space Grant Scholarship Program was, "a great learning experience." *Photo Submitted By J. Mou*



A beer can sits in the parking lot outside of Pence Hall. For some students, drinking was essential for a great Spring Break, while others chose to spend time with family or take a relaxing trip. *Photo By N. Morgan*

A row of brightly colored cabanas line the beach on the island of Nassau located in the Bahamas. Beaches across the nation remained a popular Spring Break hot spot for students. *Photo By N. Morgan*



The 1975 Delta Omicron Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta ladies pose around the bell for their group photo to be published in the 1975 Mound. Delta Omicron was established on campus in 1963.



The graduating class of 1969 lines up across campus, waiting for their turn to walk across the stage to receive their long awaited diploma.





Falcon *Flashback*

A student leans against the bell along with a female peer as printed in the 1957 Mound. The bell had been a part of Falcon history for years.



The 2005 Falcon basketball team had come a long way in size and fashion since the 1932 Falcon basketball team.

Falcon Thoughts...

"I was psyched
to see George W. Bush
win again." -**Jennifer Sievertson**

"This year I was able to see
God *change lives* on
campus through my
involvement with **ChiAlpha**
campus ministry, and I am
looking forward to seeing *more*
lives changes while enrolled at
Fairmont State." -**Dan Six**

"**A**lthough my *aviation maintenance*
major takes me off the campus, I get
hands on training that is challenging,
interesting, and fun." -**Landon Stuart**

"I was disappointed when the **Steelers**
lost to the **Patriots** in the playoffs this
year." -**Chris Clayton**

"I loved the parking guards at the top of the parking garage.

It was like you needed **FBI** clearance
to drop someone off.

They wanted to know where I was going.

I was just trying to get to class! I'm a senior; I know how." -**Heather Foy**

“I was upset that John Kerry lost the 2004 election because it limited the *hopes* of gay rights and equality.” -**Anthony Mayle**

“College week at Snow Shoe was awesome.
DZ's are *hot!*” -**Patrick McCord**

“I think the Rec Center is a *huge* improvement and an *excellent* asset to the FSU campus.” -**Jeanne Armstrong**

“This is my first year, and I have made a lot of
nice friends. I have *really* enjoyed my experiences
here at Fairmont State.”

-**Brionna Harvey**

“Ugh... parking! Enough said.”
-**Babs Kendrick**

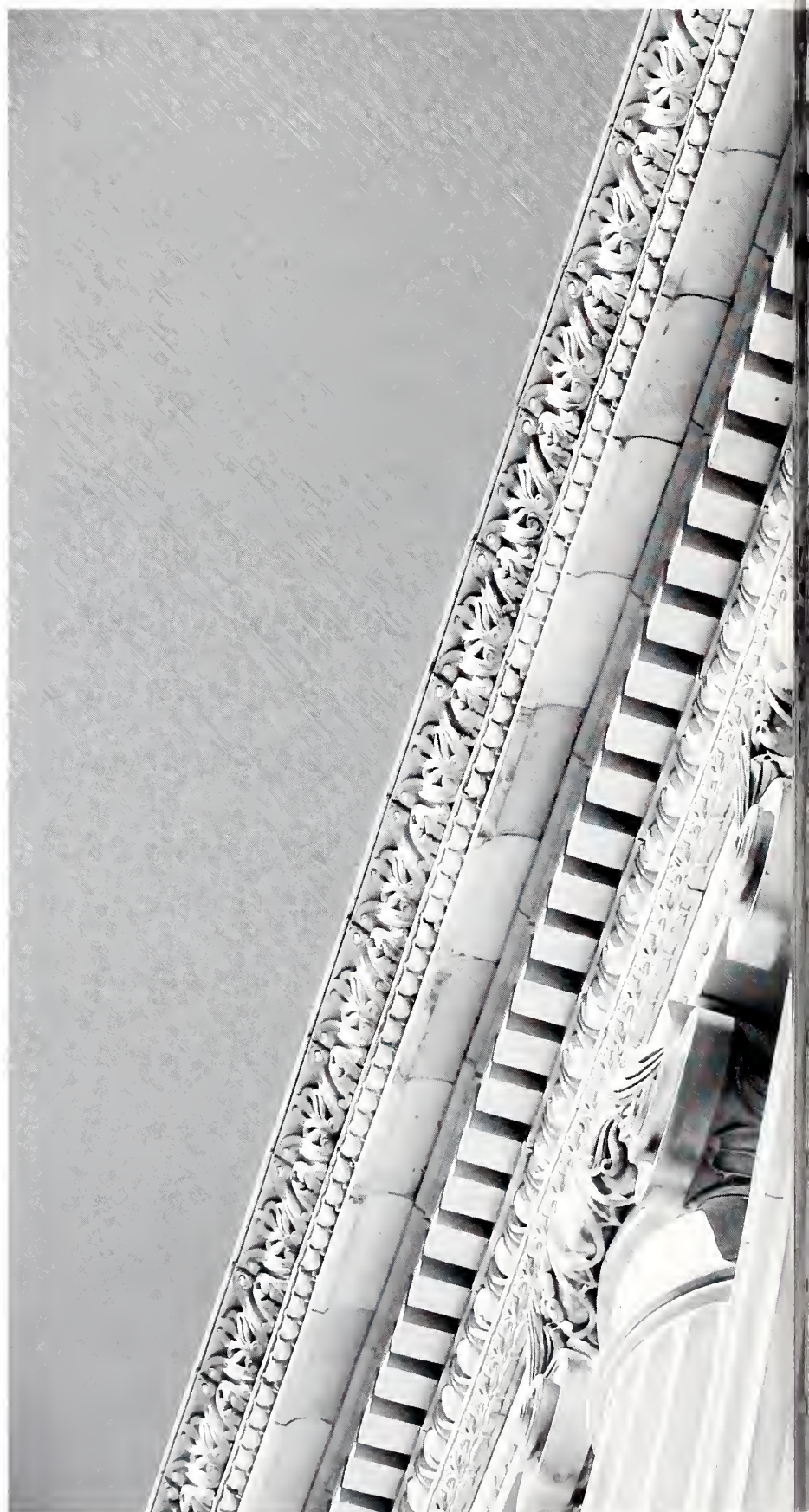
“Fairmont State has improved my life in *many* ways. This is my first
college experience in over 12 years.”

-**Jeff Jacobs**

My World

Dear Journal,

As a college student, I have had to adapt to the new world around me. Things that once were important seem insignificant. My world now consists of campus activities instead of mall activities; study groups instead of social cliques. I have developed a greater respect for my academics and a better understanding of reality. And while academics are of high priority, socializing is still an important part of my world. It has been said that the friends you make in college are the ones you will never forget, and I can only hope that the saying is true. Without my friends, college would just be school. On campus, there's a fraternity or sorority, or an interest group for everyone where lasting friendships are sure to blossom. My world is no longer consumed with the here and now, but with thoughts and hopes of the future.





The columns of the Hardway Building along with its classically designed architecture stands tall and proud as it has for many years. *Photo By N.Morgan*

Crossing campus

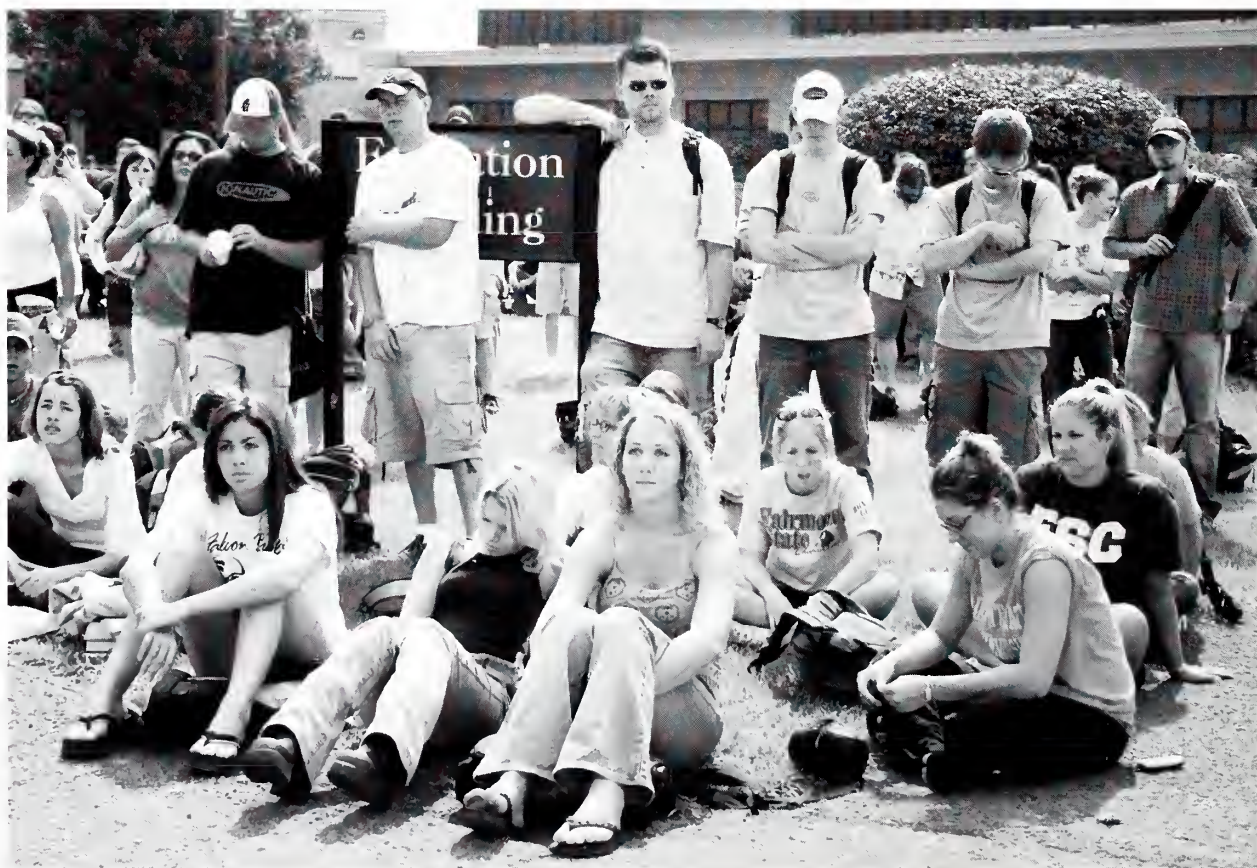
By Nathan Morgan



A group of students gather outside of the Hardway Building as they enjoy a warm spring day.



Students relax in the grass on the Quad as they listen to Alex Kerry and Cate Edwards speak about voting and their fathers' campaign. The Quad was often home to many students relaxing, studying, or socializing on warm afternoons whether or not there was an event going on.





Students take advantage of the new activities center with a game of basketball on one of the two new courts.



The Feaster Center sits among the blooming trees with the spring sun shining down.



Resident of St. Albans, West Virginia, **Professor Jim Young** had been teaching at Fairmont State for 38 years. Professor Young studied at the University of Virginia and William and Mary, and made it through college financially with the help of athletic scholarships in football and basketball. In Professor Young's years of teaching Geography, he came to the realization that enthusiasm and compassion are two essential traits to being a successful teacher. Professor Young found that the more he taught, the more sensitive he became to students' problems. And for Professor Young, the toughest part about his job was having to give F's. When Professor Young isn't teaching about adiabatic lapse rates or where you can find iron ore, he could be found traveling, sleeping, jogging, and taking part in other athletic activities. While Professor Young knew a thing or two about being a collegiate athlete, he advised students to "Come in and never forget classes are the priority... never lose sight

of why you're here." He understood how easy it was to get involved in too many things, which often cost students collegiate success. For many students, Professor Young was remembered by his brightly colored shirts and wild ties, although he does feel he has toned things down over the years at the request of his wife, "The women rule the world," said Professor Young jokingly.



Professor of Chemistry and native of Hillsboro, Ohio, **Dr. Erica Harvey**, earned her Ph.D. at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California and began her teaching career in 1990 at Occidental College in California, taught at Mankato State University in Minnesota for four years, and then found herself at Fairmont State. Throughout her years of teaching Dr. Harvey came to the conclusion that, "The whole teaching endeavor isn't really about chemistry. It's about human beings changing each other's lives." While Dr. Harvey taught her students science, they were often teaching her as well, "I've learned a lot of content and some great software tricks from students." Dr. Harvey, the self-proclaimed perfectionist, offered students the opportunity to be strongly challenged and strongly supported in their academic efforts. Although she felt like a failure when one of her students was unsuccessful, she also felt joy when she knew that she had made a difference in

someone's life. Aside from being a professor, Dr. Harvey was the mother of two sons, a gardener and a hiker, and enjoyed reading fiction and designing and building structures like a passive solar chicken coop. To future students she said, "Learning is fundamentally something that happens inside of you, driven by your own efforts. If you aren't ready to make learning happen for yourself, do something other than college for a while. Just be sure to come back to Fairmont State when you are ready." And on a lighter note she said, "Our bodies are amazing chemical factories, and they need high-quality raw materials. Eat thoughtfully."

Fine Arts advocate and Fairmont State Instructor, **Marian J. Hollinger**, had been teaching for 33 years at such institutions as Kent State, the University of New Mexico, the University of Toronto, and West Virginia University prior to Fairmont State. Through her years of teaching Art History and Medieval History, Professor Hollinger heard many excuses, but she found the best excuse to be, "Your cat ate my homework!" which was indeed true. And while she did not enjoy reading bad writing, her favorite thing about teaching was seeing students begin to love art. Professor Hollinger's teaching method of respecting and listening to students may have been the reason she was nominated for the Sears Teaching Award while teaching at Rockford College and Teaching Excellence in the Division of Art and the Radiological Consultants Associate Award for Academic Research while teaching at West Virginia University. In her spare time, Professor Hollinger enjoyed staying fit through activities such as ballet, pilates, and yoga. The students that Professor Hollinger taught, returned the action by teaching her a thing or two about humility. And she advised Fairmont State students to "Make the very best use of your time here. If you do not, you will wish you had."



Gregory T. Hinton, Professor of Business Law and practicing attorney taught at Fairmont State for 16 years. In addition to practicing law, he practiced the 3 M's and 3 metaphors in his teaching methods. "The 3 M's are the Message, the Manner, and the Motive. The three metaphors are the faithful steward, the concerned father, and the loving mother taken from 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-13." Professor Hinton also had a strong grasp on what it meant to be a teacher, "... we have the false assumption that students are learning because we are talking. I have learned that students learn best when they know you truly care about them and about their learning." He also believed that teaching and learning are a "theater of sacred celebration, joy, and grace." Professor Hinton not only taught students, but was taught by students. When Professor Hinton isn't teaching Business Law, Empowering Leadership, Employment Law, or Race, Class, and Gender, he could often be found spending time gardening or mountain biking. The best thing for Professor Hinton about teaching was the opportunity to "plant seeds into impressionable minds," while the worst was, "encountering students with potential (that is all of them) and who are not motivated." And to all Fairmont State students, Professor Hinton wanted them to know the he has, "a vision for your future."



acting out

By Nathan Morgan



Junior Theater major, **Charles Harbert** works diligently on the set of *The Illusion*.



During a performance of *A Christmas Carol*, Ebenezer Scrooge, played by **John Fallon**, and Bob Cratchit, played by **Jeff Carder** address a crowd of towns children.



Steven McElroy holds up a rack of chicken. Steven played a chicken salesman in *A Christmas Carol*.

Student Profiles



Shepardstown resident and 2004 Homecoming Queen, **Tiffany Wood** came to Fairmont State four years ago. Fairmont State was Tiffany's mother's Alma Mater so she was familiar with the school and the campus. And while the campus went through significant change since Tiffany began, she felt that the changes were definitely a good thing. Tiffany also felt that her willingness to get involved in such things as Student Government, which she was elected Secretary of, Family and Consumer Sciences Club, and Residence Life contributed to her overall positive experience at Fairmont State. Tiffany had a great support group including her friends, her mother, and **Dr. Tim Rice** who got her involved in Residence Life and **Dr. Judith Kreutzer**. After receiving her Family and Consumer Science Education degree, Tiffany planned to work on her Master's or begin teaching Family and Consumer Science.

Criminal Justice and Sociology major, **Paul Nelson** came to Fairmont State as a nontraditional student from Clarksburg. Paul choose to attend Fairmont State mainly because of the location, "The location worked out great," but found Fairmont State had much more to offer. He felt that Fairmont State's openness to opposing views and its age diversity gave students a better start when they entered the workforce by getting them used to working with people of different ages. But Paul admitted that he couldn't have been successful without the military. "I wouldn't know how to organize myself." And organization was something Paul definitely possessed as a National Dean's List and President's List student, husband, and father of four. And while a lot of positivity did come out of his time at Fairmont State, he wasn't so pleased about the weight he had gained as a student, "My weight kept going up and up and up."



Junior Interior Design and Secondary Education major, **Kera Cherrey** came to Fairmont State from Baltimore, Maryland, and grew fond of the community and the atmosphere Fairmont State provided. Kera, who ran and won the Student Government Vice Presidential election for the 2005 year, felt her success could be attributed to hard work and will power, "Most college students don't want to do anything, but I do." In addition to being involved in Student Government, Kera was also Vice President of the Honors Program, Vice President of the Family and Consumer organization, and was involved in Residence Life. And while many instructors have come and gone throughout Kera's educational career, two instructors that made an impact on Kera were **Dr. Baker** who Kera felt had students' interests at heart and **Lori Johnston**, "I think everybody just likes Lori."



Dave Spaulding, Aviation Administration major and Flight minor, came to FS from Charleston, WV, and was overall pleased with the education he recieved at the R.C.B. Air and Space Center in Clarksburg. "The faculty are great. They try to help you with your questions, but they still challenege the students to solve the problems themselves." One instructor in particular that made a significant impact on Dave was **Hugh McCain** who worked for MESA air group before becoming a FS flight instructor. Mr. McCain helped Dave set his focus and helped him establish real goals, as well as preventing Dave from making mistakes, like spending extra money on unnecessary training. Dave's greatest achievement at FS was getting his commercial pilot certification. And when the stresses of being a student set in, Dave told himself to do his best, and if it doesn't work out, try again and never give up.

Physical Therapist Assistant major **Ashley Gerard** chose her major because she had a heart for helping people and getting them back to normal. Ashley felt that her success in the PTA program at Fairmont State could be attributed to the small size of the school, her dedication, and her drive to become a better student. Not only did Ashley find the program to be great, educationally speaking, she found it to be downright fun. Two instructors who made great contributions to Ashley's education were **Suellen Hill** and **Beverly Born**, because of their encouraging words and ideas on how to become a better student. While Ashley found the program to be somewhat difficult and that it required much dedication, she knew it was what she wanted to do, so she stuck with it and gave it her all. Outside of school, Ashley enjoys sports, outdoor activities, shopping, and laughing.



Secondary Education major **Andrew Zicafoose** came to FS from Webster Springs, WV and found great support through his professors. Three professors in particular who made an impact on his education were: **Dr. Thomas Hobbs** who Andrew felt was "a really good motivator," and **Dr. Rhonda Sanford** and **Dr. Matt Hokom**, who helped Andrew with his written communication skills. But the biggest motivator in Andrew's life was his wife, "Being married lights a fire under your butt... the major force of motivation in my life and academically," said Andrew. He did, however, find that being married and living off campus made it difficult financially and was time-consuming. But when Andrew did find some time he enjoyed writing software and participating in outdoor activities. He hopes to someday hike the entire Appalachian Trail. Andrew found eating and exercising the best ways to keep the daily stresses at bay.

Caution: By Nathan Morgan work zone

The new parking garage offered students a convenient place to park away from the rain and sun, but close to campus.



A surveyor works diligently in front of Bryant Place. Surveyors could often be seen around campus as construction progressed.





Tyler Bailey patiently mans his lifeguard post as the pool sits idle. Although the Activities Center was still a work in progress, students and faculty were able to take advantage of certain facilities like the swimming pool.



A bulldozer prepares the ground for the new president's house. The former president's house, a ranch-style brick home, was removed in August and a new two-story residence from Grafton Homes was put into place.



Chair of the School of Health and Human Services and Program Coordinator and Professor of Applied Design, **Dr. Beth Thorne Newcome** made many contributions to Fairmont State and the Community College. Dr. Newcome holds a B.S. and M.S. from WVU in Family and Consumer Sciences Education and a doctorate in Human Ecology from Ohio State University. When she was not “working hard at her desk,” she was relaxing, learning to fly fish at her summer home on the Monongahela River between Morgantown and Fairmont. However, she only plans to continue the hobby if she got a pair of green boots. Dr. Newcome also had two cats, Bert and Ernie, who kept her busy teaching her how to be a better master. She is also a fan of WV history and history of the region as a part of costume collection. Dr. Newcome serves as curator for the Historic Textile Commodity Bags Collections and the Masquers Vintage Clothing Collection. In her years of teaching, Dr. Newcome was

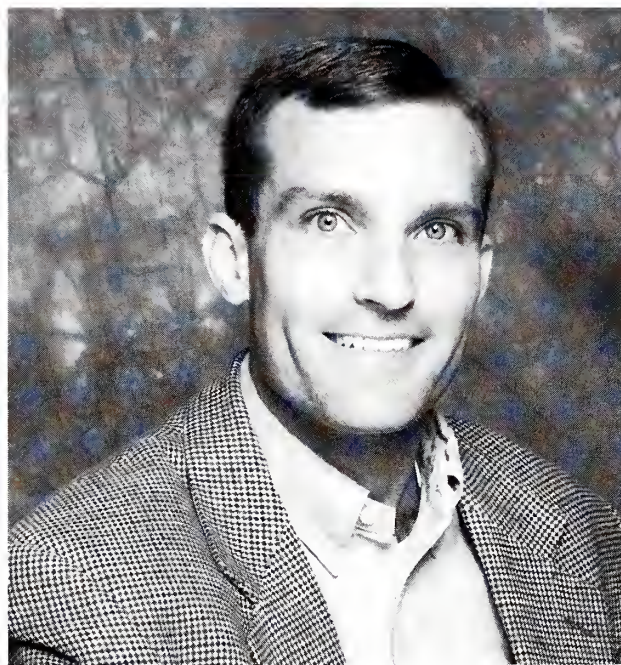
honored with the FS Faculty Achievement Award and the WVAFCS Outstanding Faculty in Higher Education award. While she did not feel as though students could teach her much about course subject matter, she did feel that students could teach her lessons of life, acceptance, patience, and tolerance.



Professor **Thomas A. Stose**, an Aviation Maintenance and Administration Instructor at the Robert C. Byrd Air and Space Center in Clarksburg, held many different jobs including a helicopter mechanic, public education teacher, carpenter, and business owner before landing at Fairmont State. Professor Stose feels that since he can still remember when he was a student, it has contributed much to his success as a teacher. Student interaction proved to be one of the greatest aspects of teaching for Professor Stose, while dealing with office work and “mounds of paper work” on his desk to be one of his least favorite aspects of teaching. Professor Stose received the Aviation Maintenance Technician Award several times, was chosen by the FAA as Aviation Safety Counselor, served as co-adviser for Alpha Eta Rho, and served as an Executive Board Member for the Aviation Technician Educational Counsel. And while Professor Stose has had to deal with many incidents involving

students and aircrafts, he has also heard many good and not so good excuses from the mouths of his students. One excuse that stuck out in the mind of Professor Stose was a student who claimed they needed to take the final exam early because they had to attend their best friend’s wedding. The student, however, actually went to a concert in Pittsburgh, which the student later confessed to. And when he is not teaching or working with aircrafts, Professor Stose keeps busy traveling and motorcycling with his wife.

Chef Instructor in the Food Service Management program, **Chef Brian Floyd** graduated from WVU with a B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resource Management and also graduated from the Greenbrier Culinary Apprenticeship program. After graduation, he worked with the LaVarenne Cooking School and was a Rounds Chef in the Tavern Room. Before settling at Fairmont State, Chef Floyd served as Manager and Executive Chef at the Fairmont Field Club and began his own businesses, Creative Gourmet Catering Company and Simply Elegant Sculptured Ice Carving Company. While at Fairmont State, Chef Floyd received a Campus Compact Leadership Grant. The project allowed culinary students to create low-cost nutritious recipes to teach latch-key children in after-school programs how to cook. In his years of teaching, Chef Floyd learned as much as his students. "I learned that teaching can be an inspiring, patience-testing, frustrating, fantastically rewarding experience and that's just what the students think." And while students enjoyed many aspects of Chef Floyd's classes, "I'm sure there are other things about my class, but it all eventually comes back to eating," said Chef Floyd.



Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education and Physical Therapist Assistant Program instructor, **Suellen Hill**, PT, ACCE, had been teaching at Fairmont State for nine years. Before she began teaching, Professor Hill had her own physical therapy consulting business, traveled throughout central WV as a physical therapist, and worked with early intervention groups, nursing homes, and assisted living centers. Professor Hill felt an overwhelming responsibility as a teacher because she realized that her students were no different than patients, in that they depended on her for guidance. She also felt that humility was an important trait to possess when teaching because the work she did in the classroom had a tremendous influence on her students. Professor Hill's favorite part of teaching was when students began their advising sessions and she would ask them if PTA was where they wanted to be, which sometimes proved to be her least favorite part. She read her students' body language and could see the confidence or lack of confidence as they answered; it was the "moment of truth." In addition to humility, Professor Hill had enthusiasm for her students and her field. She was often told that she had adult A.D.D. While at the white board, Professor Hill often got side tracked, but once the students began throwing balls of paper at the board, she knew that was the signal to get back on track. Outside of work, Professor Hill enjoys anything outdoors like tree farming, hiking and spending time with her husband and four children.



Student Expressions

By Nathan Morgan

A student examines **Clifford Harvey's** Mexico Intersections Exhibit which was displayed in the Brooks Memorial Gallery in Wallman Hall in November.



An exhibit sits ready to be studied in the Brooks Memorial Gallery. Art exhibits could be seen regularly in the galleries located on campus throughout the year.

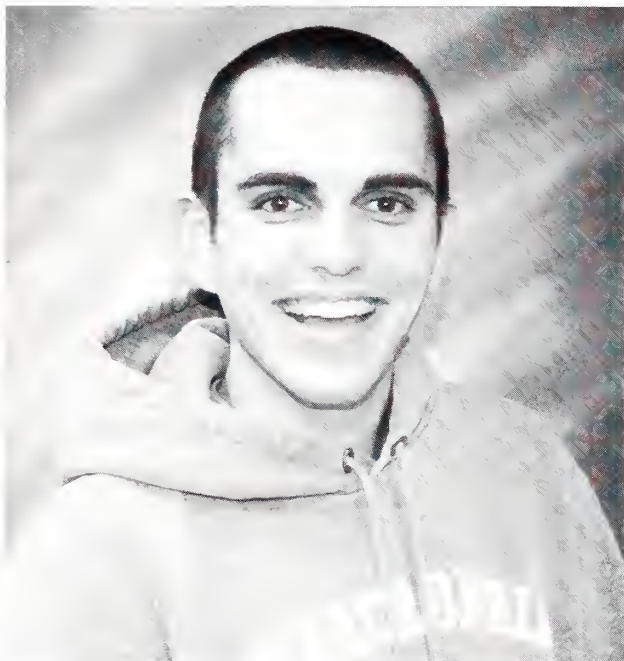




Graphic Design major **Lindsay Richards** carefully works her clay as she develops it into a true piece of art. Although she was not an Art major, Lindsay enjoyed spending time working on her sculpture.



A terra cotta piece from the **Barry Snyder** Exhibition, held in September, rests on a stand among pastel drawings.



Mound photographer and co-editor **Nathan Morgan** worked on his core classes and journalism classes during his two years as a Falcon. Nathan, who planned to leave FS to pursue a degree in Photojournalism, was pleased with his experience at Fairmont State. "My experience at Fairmont State has been one I will never forget. Even though I am thrilled about attending Western Kentucky University, I am still going to miss being a Falcon," said Nathan. When Nathan wasn't busy with school, yearbook, or work, he enjoyed photography, photography, and more photography. He also enjoyed spending time being a newlywed with his wife, Kelly, and being a taste tester to her cooking and baking. "Being married and being a college student hasn't always been easy, but it sure was fun," said Nathan.

Culinary Arts major **David Wentz** wanted to go to culinary school since he graduated from high school, and after 9 years, he finally decided to pursue Culinary Arts at Fairmont State. David originally chose Fairmont State because it was close, but he soon found what a great school it was. The Shinnston native enjoys improving his cooking skills, which **Chef Brian Floyd** greatly influenced. Two of David's favorite dishes to prepare are fish pie and mango salad. And David found sleeping the most effective method of dealing with the pressures of work and school. When David wasn't in the kitchen or at work, he was golfing, swimming, or fishing at his friend's pond. And while David had great aspirations in the kitchen, he also had great aspirations in the area of relationships: "I'm single and looking for someone," said David.



An Education major with specialties in Social Science and English, **Vivian Tassos** decided on her major because she enjoys working with teenagers and loves studying literature. Vivian chose FS as a non-traditional student because two of her children previously attended FS. And after Vivian began her education, she quickly realized, "Making the decision to return to school is the best decision I have ever made in my life... it has made all the difference," stated Vivian. Vivian found that the instructors on campus greatly contributed to her positive experience, specifically **Dr. Jack Hussey** whom Vivian felt "made the class come alive. His enthusiasm for literature was contagious." And unlike many students, Vivian wasn't ready to think about leaving FS: "I don't want to go out into the real world now. I like it here. The English Department has become my family."



Physical Therapist Assistant major **Kristi Hill** came to Fairmont State from Hundred, WV. Kristi, a non-traditional student, chose to attend Fairmont State because of the positive reputation of the PTA program. "The instructors are top-notch, and a high percentage of graduates pass the licensing exam and find employment in the field," reported Kristi. Before enrolling at FS, Kristi was settled in a full-time job, but felt she was ready for a career change. "It seemed a little crazy to leave my full-time job to go back to school, especially since I didn't have enough of a savings account to pay tuition and living expenses," said Kristi. But she left her situation up to God, and things fell into place. Kristi found that it required hard work, but "It's definitely been worth it," said Kristi.

Fairmont native **Rachel Skubis** chose to attend Fairmont State, like many people, because of the small size. "Fairmont State is great for me. It is small enough to get around yet growing at the same time. It was a convenient choice," said Rachel. Rachel who was active on campus with Collegiate Singers, Sigma Tau Delta, and student publications managed to figure out the trick to balancing school and everything else that life threw at her. "I have priorities and try to manage my time accordingly. I try to make the most out of whatever I am involved in, which has caused its share of stress as well as success." You just have to have the right state of mind to guide you through any confusion," Rachel explained. Many students may have considered their greatest collegiate achievement to be something related to academics, but Rachel's was different, "I think my greatest achievement is simply having values and sticking to them."



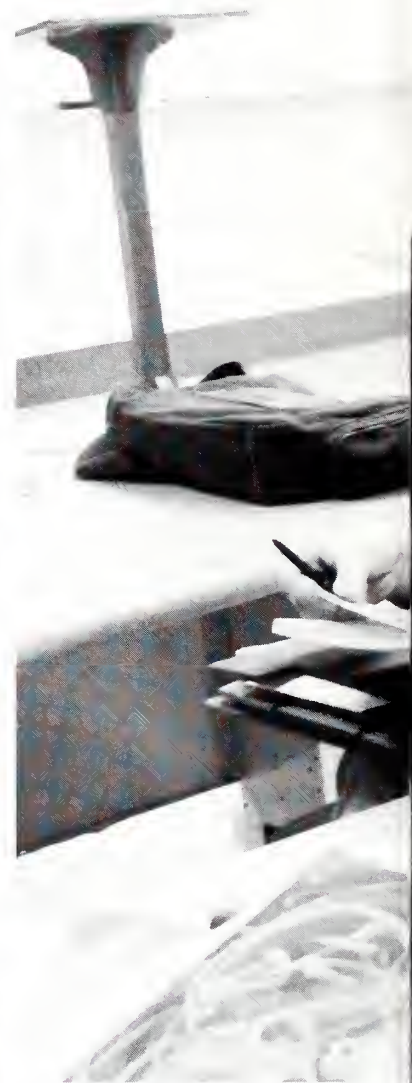
Sophomore Architectural Engineering major **Tristan Rosier** decided on his major in 9th grade. FS was the only school in the area with Architectural Engineering and small classes, and he was pleased with his choice to become a Falcon. Tristan was an active member on campus through his participation in organizations like student government and Chi Alpha. Tristan was also an orientation counselor. Two instructors who made an impact on Tristan were Dr. Fran Kirk and Dr. Robert Baker, who provided Tristan with the necessary support he needed to succeed. When Tristan wasn't on campus he could be found playing his X-Box, watching movies, hanging out with his friends, or running around town to clear his head of the daily stresses of college life. And Tristan attributed much of his academic success to his "willingness to learn from others."

Meeting Deadlines

By Nathan Morgan

Mound co-editor and staff photographer **Nathan Morgan** snaps a photo in Jaynes Hall. Nathan could be seen across campus throughout the year attempting to accurately portray the 2004-2005 school year. "It was difficult, but I tried to make it to as many events as possible. I really enjoyed taking pictures for the yearbook. It's rewarding to see your photos in print," said Nathan. *Photo By K. Morgan*

Columns editor, **Jessica Lawson** conducts an interview with **Robin Yeager**, Director of the Student Activities Center, while on a tour of the center during its construction. *Mound* editors, **Kelly Morgan** and **Nathan Morgan** joined Jessica on the tour.

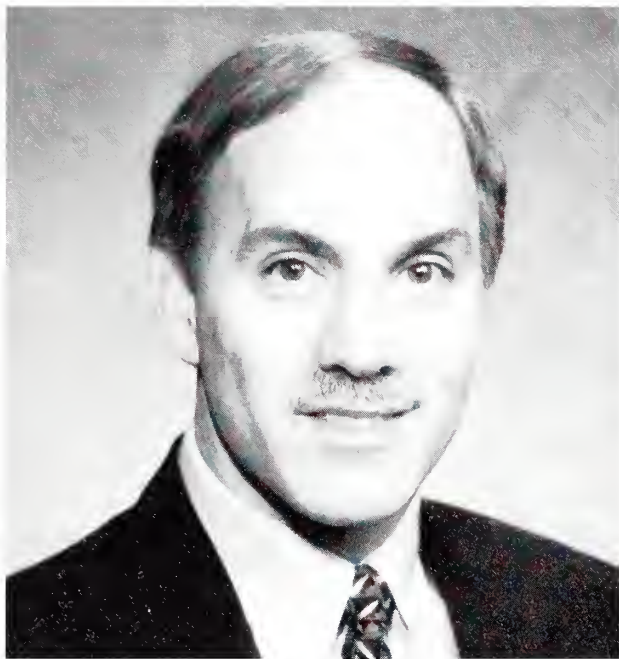




Whetstone managing editor **Michelle Wakeley** reviews past publications as she brainstorms ideas with her staff. Michelle and the *Whetstone* staff met weekly to review the literary and art pieces submitted by students and faculty.



Mound co-editor **Kelly Morgan** distributes 2003-2004 yearbooks on the Quad. Kelly found giving away yearbooks to be more difficult than she thought, "I don't think people knew or believed that they already paid for their yearbook through their tuition and student fees. You'd be crazy not to take one," said Kelly.



Dr. Jeffrey Poland, Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities, and Music Department Coordinator, began teaching public high school chorus before joining the FS team of choral instructors, where he has been for the past 17 years. At FS, Dr. Poland teaches Collegiate Singers, Chamber of Choir and College Community Chorus, voice, choral methods, conducting, and elementary music for Elementary Education majors. While Dr. Poland taught students daily, he also felt that his choral groups and students have taught him inspiration. With any career there are positives and negatives. Dr. Poland found that the greatest thing about being a teacher was seeing students' achievements and their personal and academic growth; the worst thing was seeing a lack of student achievement and seeing students fail because of their lack of effort. A piece of advice to future FS students was to be involved. "You will get more out of your learning experience if you are involved on campus. Be

involved in campus activities, student government, music ensembles, student organizations, *Mound, Columns*; go see speakers. Participate!" said Dr. Poland, also noting that the FS band is open to all students, not just music majors. When Dr. Poland was not teaching or directing, he could be found golfing, sailing, or spending time with his family.



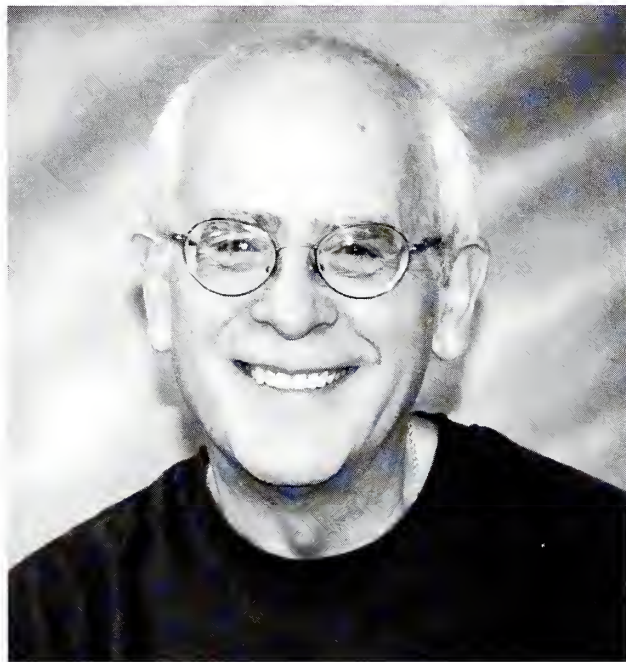
Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the 4-year Graphic Design degree, **Kari Carlson Coffindaffer** served as Program Coordinator for Visual Communications at the International Academy of Design and Technology before joining Fairmont State. During the past four years at Fairmont State, Professor Coffindaffer found that college students were quite different from the high school students she had worked with in the past, "I have dealt with high school kids, and college students are much more pleasant," said Coffindaffer. And if Professor Coffindaffer could have changed one thing, she would have kept her best students with her longer because of the positive impact they had on the new students. "It seems like once I started getting close to them it is time for them to leave, and I miss them," said Professor Coffindaffer. And because of the nature of graphic design, most of the courses that Professor Coffindaffer taught were hands-on labs.

Professor Coffindaffer felt that the labs better prepared students for the workplace they would soon be entering into. When Professor Coffindaffer wasn't working, she was taking care of her 15-month-old daughter, Carissa. She found that having a young daughter didn't leave her much spare time to take part in things outside of work, although she wasn't exactly complaining. And a piece of advice to future students, "You have to make your own luck, you can't wait for a great opportunity to come to you. You have to go looking for it," said Professor Coffindaffer.

Coordinator and Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice **Les Boggess** came to Fairmont State in 2002. However, before coming to Fairmont State, Professor Boggess served as a lieutenant, sergeant, patrol officer, investigator, records officer, and firearms instructor. In other words, Professor Boggess knows his material. And while students may expect Professor Boggess to do all the teaching, he had learned something too. "In order to stay current in my field, continual exposure to the questioning minds of students is a must," said Professor Boggess. Since he has settled in at FS, he has advised over 100 Criminal Justice students and has been a fraternity and sorority advisor. And luckily for the students, Professor Boggess understood what students needed out of an instructor: "I feel that is one of the areas that students like best: the feeling that a real world practitioner is guiding them. Having a sense of humor and a sympathetic nature doesn't hurt, either," Professor Boggess said.



"Fairmont State has given me great blessings... opportunities for the last 34 years. And I am deeply grateful." **Dr. Jack Hussey** had been a part of the English Department for the past 34 years and had not only taught many students, but was taught by his students as well. "Many students have shown me that what I thought I knew, I didn't really know. Their questions and responses, their disagreements with me often made me think and rethink my views of the poems and stories and novels that I teach," said Dr. Hussey. And while Dr. Hussey didn't think of himself as a great teacher, but a successful one; he explained the three types of successful teachers: "There's the lecturer, the therapist, and I'm the showboat, the entertainer." Dr. Hussey felt his sense of humor, energy, and love for what he was doing were what contributed to his success. When Dr. Hussey wasn't teaching, he could be found working on his novel, making video documentaries, reading, working out, or watching movies. And after 34 years of service to the students at FS, Dr. Hussey decided to retire. While he will remain teaching three literature classes for the next three years, he looks forward to traveling, finishing his novel, and spending time with his three grandchildren. And to future FS students, Dr. Hussey said, "Ask around for who the best teachers are. Don't take the teachers that your pals say are easy or easy graders. Take the teachers your pals say are way tough; they're always the best."



hey good lookin'...

By Nathan Morgan

Culinary Arts student **Earl Gerlach** puts his education into practice as he prepares an onion. Proper technique in preparing culinary dishes was just one of the many skills students became familiar with throughout the course of their education.



A student puts the finishing touch on a gourmet dish he prepared to be graded by **Chef Brian Floyd**.





A rack of pots hangs in the Culinary Arts kitchen. Pots were only one of the many pieces of equipment used during the cooking process.

Lead Chef-Instructor **Chef Brian Floyd** speaks to his class in the kitchen located in the Education Building. Hands-on instruction was an integral part of the Culinary Arts program.

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Hundred, WV native **Jalena Gump** found Fairmont State ideal because of its small size. Jalena was able to receive the attention she desired and felt the size made it easier for her to get involved in activities such as the Student Accountant Society. The senior Accounting major managed to make the Dean's List throughout her student career as well as making the President's List. Jalena was also a Student Orientation Counselor and was in the Honors Program for her first two years of college. One instructor who made a significant impact on Jalena was **Mrs. Mary Burnell**, an accounting instructor and her academic adviser. Mrs. Burnell gave Jalena, "a lot of guidance," and went above and beyond the duties of being an adviser. Staying organized with her time was what Jalena felt made her a successful student. And to future students, Jalena felt that getting involved was the key to making the most of ones education.

In his spare time, Athens, WV native **Frank Muldoon** enjoyed hanging out with friends, flying remote control airplanes, and flying in general, hobbies which go hand in hand with his Aviation Administration/ Math major and Flight minor. Frank, who received the award for Academic Achievement for Aviation Technician, dealt with the pressures of college by careful planning. He planned educational time, but also planned time to read, hang out with friends, or to do whatever he wanted. One instructor who made an educational impact on Frank was **Mr. Thomas Stose** who taught aviation courses and helped establish and re-establish Alpha Eta Rho and encouraged Frank to do projects in groups. While Frank was pleased with FS and the small size, he did feel that FS could have improved by solving the construction mess sooner and as scheduled.



Art Education student **Stacey Haythorne**, from Moundsville, WV, began drawing at an early age. She decided to pursue art at the recommendation of a high school student teacher. Stacey found Fairmont State to be a desirable school because of the small size and because she heard that the Art Department was good. And Stacey did find success at Fairmont State through her art. Not only did she receive the 1st place award for her landscapes, but she also received the Whetstone Award of Excellence for her Terra Alta painting. Of course, Stacey worked hard to achieve her success, she also never gave up and put her education first. Pottery and oil painting eventually became her favorite artistic medias. While art was her passion, Stacey also enjoyed spending time with her friends, family, and boyfriend Steve, and could be found waitressing at Muriale's Italian Restaurant, as well.



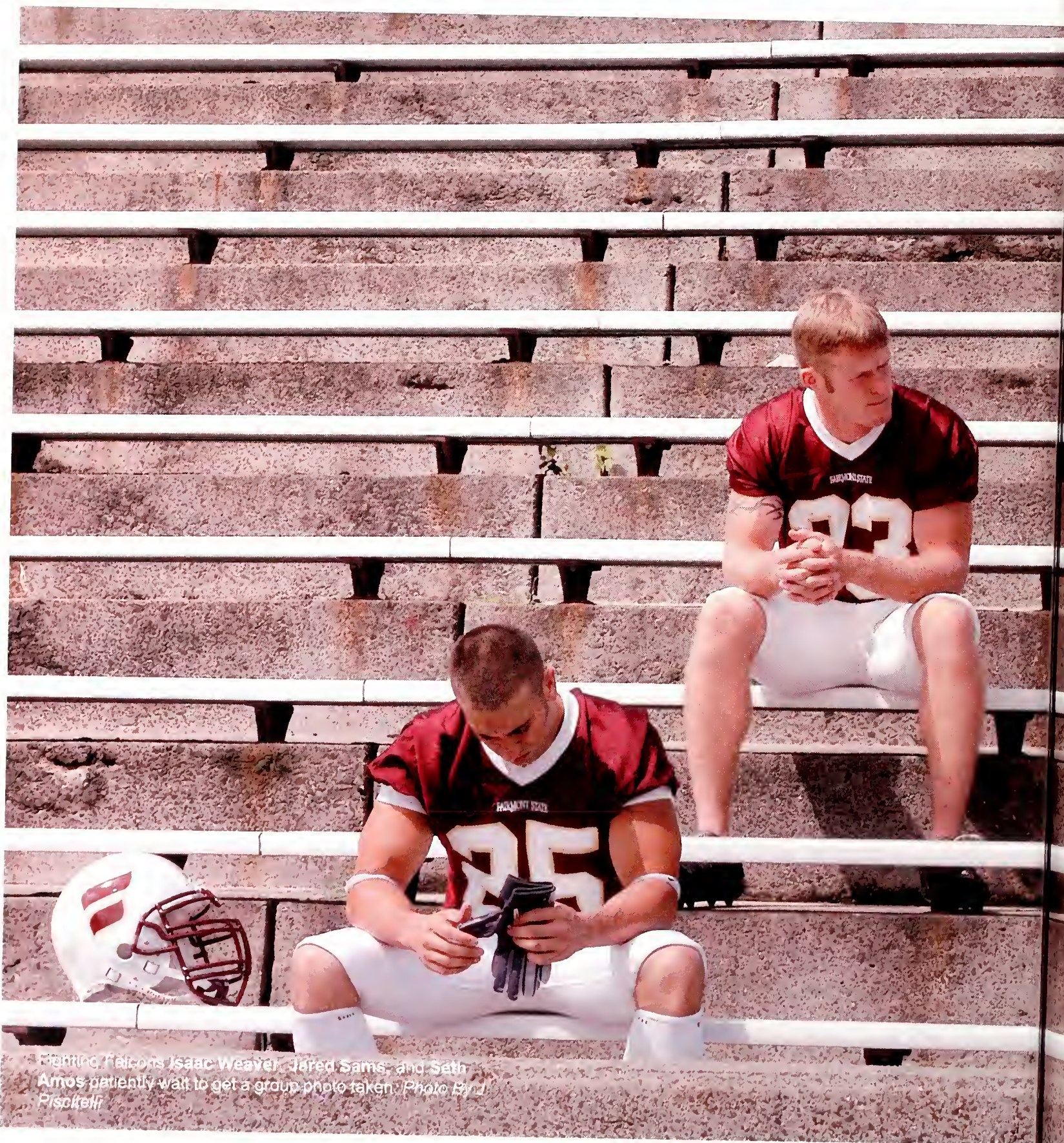
Junior information systems major, **Cheick Eraore**, came to Fairmont State from Mali, after his brother attended FS and encouraged him to do the same. Cheick was pleased to find FS and the community very welcoming and the faculty to be very helpful. Director of the English as a Second Language program, **Geneva Hines**, helped Cheick and other international students as they began their education at Fairmont State. "She's like a mother to international students," said Cheick. Outside of school, Cheick enjoyed playing basketball, watching football, and watching martial arts, a field he earned a degree in while in Mali. To reduce the stresses of college life, Cheick always tried to get his work done ahead of time. In addition to not procrastinating, another trait Cheick believed he had that made him a successful student was that he took his time and paced himself. After graduating from FS, he hoped to earn his masters.

Sandra Ramirez-Clavijo, a student from Pereira, Colombia, came to Fairmont State after serving in the army for four years. While serving, Sandra developed an interest in criminal justice. The nontraditional sophomore had her post-graduation goals set on getting much experience as an Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent in Miami, then hoped to work for the United Nations in Washington, D.C. Outside of school, Sandra is the mother of a three-and-a-half year old "heavenly sent angel" named Danial Marshall. Sandra also loved to dance. On campus, Sandra was a freshman counselor, Falcon guide, and student government director of public relations. Two instructors who made a significant impact on Sandra were **Dr. Patricia Ryan** from the Social Sciences Department who Sandra found to be "inspirational" and **Andrea Pammer**, ADA counselor, who Sandra considered more of a friend than an advisor.



International student, **Gabor Nagy** knew by the age of 13 what he wanted to do with his life; he wanted to be a civil engineer. Gabor, a native of Budapest, Hungary and a very active member of ASCE, American Society of Civil Engineers, began his collegiate education at the Technical University of Budapest before moving to the United States. While at Fairmont State he was treated well. "All of my professors are great," said Nagy. In Hungary, Gabor studied some English, however, learned that there was a big difference between learning and actually practicing the language. Gabor did eventually overcome the language barrier. Leaving his family was not easy, and he really missed them, but he knew that he would greatly benefit from getting a good education in the U.S. Gabor planned to continue his education in America after graduating from Fairmont State, hopefully earning a masters and possibly a doctorate.





Fighting Falcons Isaac Weaver, Jared Sams, and Seth Amos patiently wait to get a group photo taken. Photo By: Piscitelli



My Game

Dear Journal,

Well, so far, all of the different Falcon sports have been pretty successful, but two thumbs up to the Fighting Falcon football team. (That's a mouthful!) They sure gave us a great season to enjoy. There were also a lot of guys who won awards and were recognized for their athletic achievements.

A while ago someone asked me what *my* game was, and I decided *my* game is anything with Falcon as a prefix... Falcon Football, Falcon Swimming, Falcon Basketball; I'd even say Falcon Frisbee if it existed. Some people around campus only claim the Falcons when they 're winning, but I love my Falcon team whether they win or lose, but winning is always great.



Name: Kuirsta Stieg
Hometown: Reed City, MI
Sport: Volleyball

Kuirsta Stieg, a junior elementary education major, had been playing volleyball for twelve years. She first began her volleyball career in 4th grade and had been playing ever since. Stieg's interest in volleyball was sparked after seeing many of her cousins play. "A family thing, I guess," said Stieg. A native of Michigan, she came to Fairmont State to pursue collegiate volleyball in addition to a college education. As a setter/right side, Stieg received an All-WVIAC honorable mention.

Name: Matt Vance
Hometown: Seneca Rocks, WV
Sport: Football

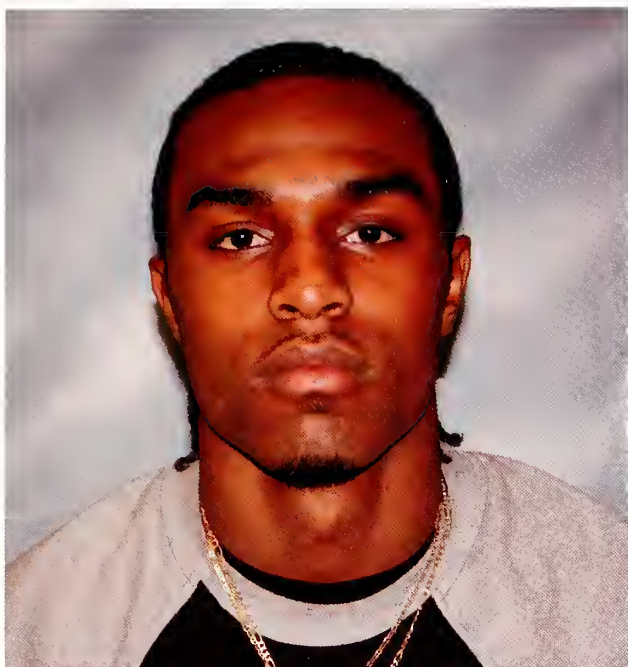
Falcon Linebacker, Matt Vance's interest in football stemmed from his four brothers and their days together playing backyard football, which eventually transitioned into organized football leagues. Vance, who thinks very highly of his teammates and coaches, was pleased with the Fighting Falcon season. "At the end of the year, we came together and had a three game winning streak," said Vance. In addition to coming together for a win, they came together outside of football as friends.



Name: Stefanie Ross
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Sport: Cheerleading

Senior Elementary Education major and Falcon cheerleader, Stefanie Ross became involved in cheerleading at the young age of six and became hooked ever since. Over her four years as a Falcon cheerleader, Ross, and the rest of her squad, won 4 national titles and 5 state titles, an achievement Ross found to be great. Ross was sad that it was her last year with the girls and the coaches she had become so close to, but she knew the talent would still be there, and knew it would take the girls far.





Name: Wendell Johnson

Hometown: Miami, FL

Sport: Football

Falcon Runningback and Business Administration major, Wendell Johnson, became involved in football because it was big in his homestate of Florida and because almost his entire family was involved in football. Johnson chose Fairmont State because they treated him "right," and because he wanted to play for Coaches Elliot and Lopez. Johnson felt that the Falcons had a real good bond. During the last game of the season against Glenville, Johnson felt the team "came together and clicked as a unit."

Name: Tiffany Board

Hometown: Weirton, WV

Sport: Volleyball

Sophomore volleyball player, Tiffany Board may have been cut from the team in middle school, but proved herself at Fairmont State. Board began playing volleyball in high school following in the footsteps of her sister and dad who both played the game. Pursuing collegiate volleyball at FS, the middle hitter/blocker, made great personal improvement, a goal she had set for herself at the beginning of the season. Board's greatest memory of the season was when the Falcons put up a shocking fight against Wheeling Jesuit. Despite the loss, they were happy with the game they played.



Name: Carly Barbor

Hometown: Buchannon, WV

Sport: Swimmer

Senior Falcon swim team captain, **Carly Barbor** had been swimming since the age of 9 and has not stopped swimming since. One of her greatest memories of the season was when she experienced victory in the 50-meter freestyle, over someone she had wanted to beat for quite sometime. Her regular events included freestyle and back stroke. Barbor's four years of Falcon swimming had been nothing but positive. "Coach Pat Snively has been a wonderful influence and the best coach I have ever had," said Barbor.



Head coach **Rusty Elliot** takes time to review plans while members of the football team take a breather during practice. "We are fortunate to tap into Rusty's long-term association with Fairmont State football and the experience he gained while coaching at West Virginia University," said **President Bradley**. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Junior **Tyler Bailey** attempts to punt the ball while under intense pressure from the University of California (PA) defense. *Photo By C. Dennison*



Fighting Falcon Football

By James Mou

The Fairmont State football season will go down in the record books as achieving a 5-5 record, but to the players, fans, and coaches, it was much more. Nothing could compare to the teams attitude, poise, and determination to play as a team.

The 2004 season proved to be a success with a stunning 51-9 win over visiting West Liberty during the Homecoming Game. Not only did the team experience success, but success was achieved by individuals as well.

Jason Dauch: outside linebacker and **Wendell**

Johnson: runningback were honored as members of the 2004 Daktronics All-Northeast Region Football team.

Johnson and **Dustin Haas** were also recognized by d2Football.com All-Northeast Region team. Dauch was also named the District II Academic All-American. In addition to Johnson, Haas, and Dauche, **Robert Henning, Nick Shreve,** and **Josh Skidmore** all received First-Team honors for the 2004 All-WVIAC Team.

For red shirt freshman and nursing major, **Nathan Bryant,** it

was a year of learning and achievement that will stick with him for years to come. Nathan, nose guard and defensive lineman said, "We had a great year. It was much better than what the record showed." One teammate Nathan regarded as a hero was senior biology major, Dustin Haas. Haas, the 2004 Falcon nose guard will be remembered by teammates and coaches alike.

"This was a great season for the whole team, especially the defensive side. "We were ranked 20th in the nation this year, and that will always be a great memory for me," said Haas. The team also accomplished a feat that hasn't happened in over 10 years. They had their first shutout with a 30-0 victory over WVU Tech. "Believe in yourself and in your coaches. Once that happens everything will fall in place," humbly stated Haas.



After being welcomed on the field by the cheerleaders, the football team sprints towards the crowd gathered to root them on. Photo By J. Piscitelli



Head coach **Rusty Elliot** attentively observes his athletes from the sidelines. "I want to make this football program and Fairmont State a real positive thing for the community," said Coach Elliot. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Runningback, **Jo Jo Parker** takes a hand off from quarterback, **Marlon Burnette**, as their teammates anxiously watch from the sidelines. *Photo By C. Dennison*



Offensive lineman **Kyle Robinette** and **Jeff Bolen** block for quarterback **Pat Morrison** during the game against California (PA) University. *Photo By C. Dennison*



Outside linebacker coach **Anthony Bellotte** gives instruction to free safety **Matt Vujakly**, during practice.
Photo By J. Pischke



Enthusiastically shouting, the Falcon cheerleaders perform for a packed house at Duvall Rosier Field. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Falcon

By Rachel Skubis and Kelly Morgan

Enthusiasm

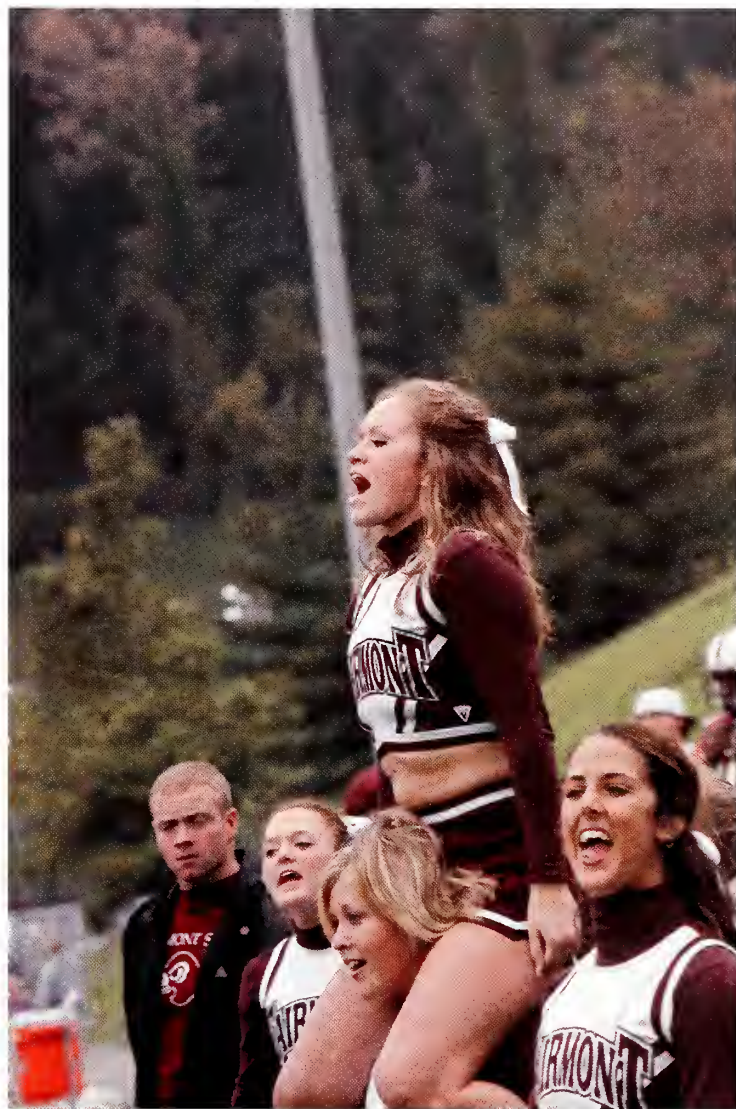
Cheerleaders are known for their enthusiastic spirit, but this year's season gave the ladies plenty to be enthusiastic about. However, it all came at a price.

Many people have a tendency to underestimate the amount of work and dedication it takes to be a successful squad, but to the Falcon cheerleading squad, the work was all too real.

During the summer, the squad had workouts during the day and two-hour practices in the evening. During the fall semester, they had two-hour practices for four days each week, while cheering for Falcon football and the men's and women's basketball teams.

The hard work during the off and regular seasons led them to the opportunity to defend and hold on to their All-Girls Division II national title for the fifth year in Orlando, Florida. The ladies practiced their stunts and mounts over and over again until they were perfect.

Although the national competitions were great experiences, the competition and pressure of a national competition made cheering at the Falcon games more focused on having a good time and pumping up the crowd.



Cheerleader, **Michaelyn Woofter** cheers on the football team while perched upon the shoulders of a fellow cheerleader. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Falcon cheerleaders, **Kylie Huggins** and **Colleen Greer** stand in honor as the National Anthem is played before a Falcon football game. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

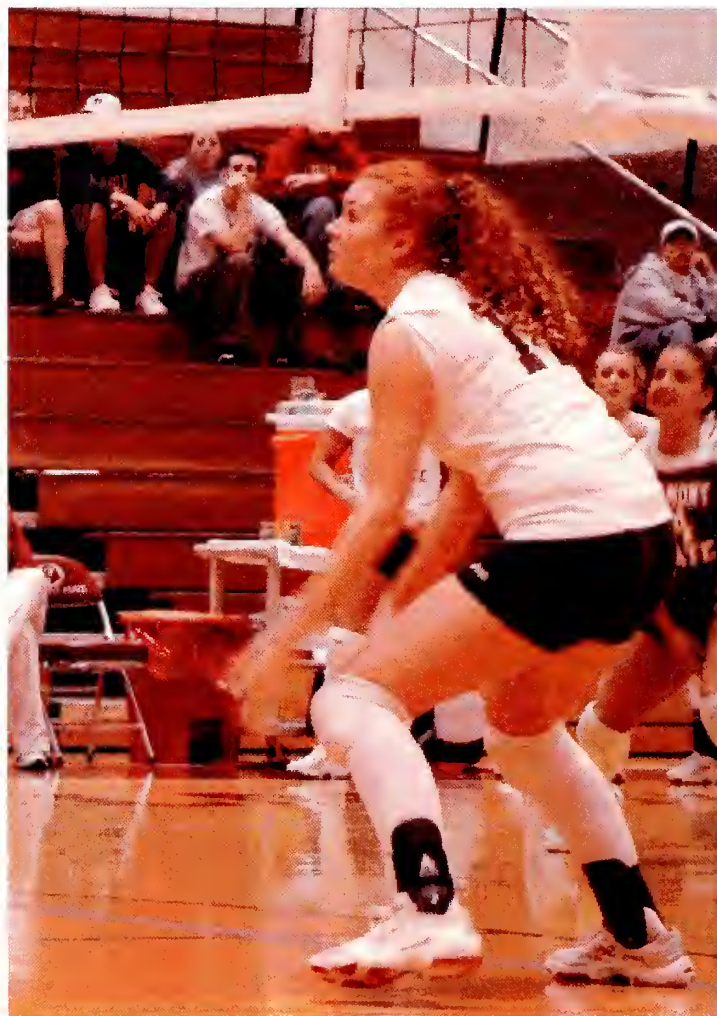
Students show their team spirit with bare, painted chests during the game against the University of California in Pennsylvania. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*





Along side of the cheerleaders, the Fairmont State Falcon pumps up the crowd and cheers on the Fighting Falcons. *Photo By J. Piscitelli.*

Tiffany Board crosses paths with a teammate during a pause in the match, which gave the girls an opportunity to breathe and refocus. *Photo By C. Dennison.*



With determination and confidence, volleyball player, **Staci Skinner**, prepares to return the ball. *Photo By C. Dennison*

Over the Net

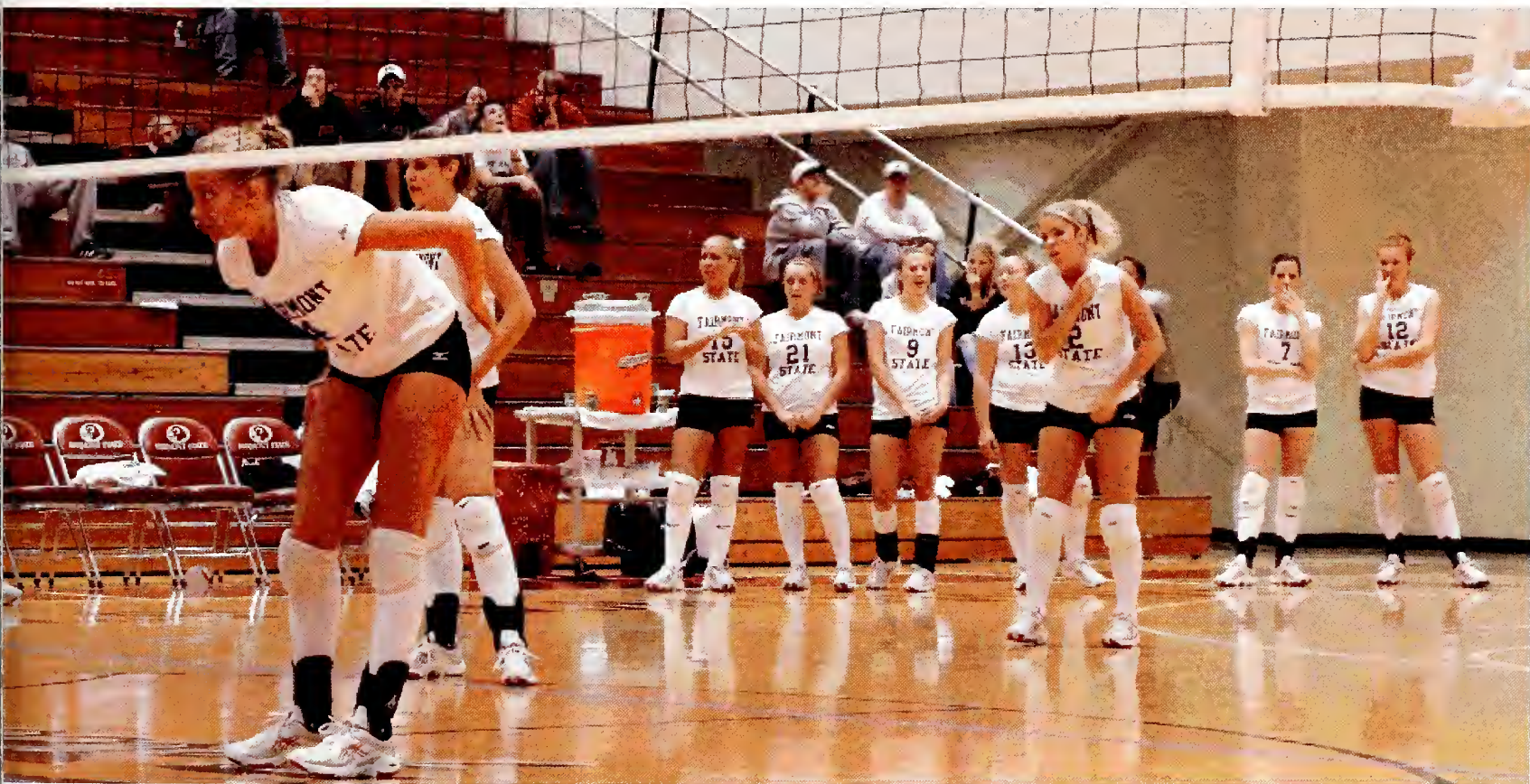
By Kelly Morgan

When asked to define the success of an athletic team, many people may look solely at their record, but a team's record is not the only way to measure success.

The Falcon volleyball team ended the season with a 10-20 record, which many not have necessarily been considered successful, but to junior elementary education major and volleyball athlete, **Kuirsta Stieg**, it was a successful season. "Our team had a successful season in relation to how hard we worked during practices and in games. We managed to keep improving through the season, which was one of our main goals," said Stieg. When faced with tough situations, the ladies never gave up. "There wasn't a practice or game where we didn't give 110 percent," stated Stieg.

When the Falcons went up against Wheeling Jesuit University on their court, no one was expecting much of a fight against the team holding a 20-12 record, but the ladies went into the game strong and confident, and although they did not experience a win, they still experienced a team high. **Tiffany board**, volleyball team member said, "I feel that when we played them we gave them a run for their money. We were blocking and digging what they gave us and we would do the same back." Stieg agreed, "We never gave up; we gave them everything we had at that moment and kept up with them. I think as much as we surprised them, we surprised ourselves with how much potential we have."

The young Falcon volleyball team may not have had a hot shot record, but they were successful in working their hardest and learning about who they were as a team and the potential that was within them.

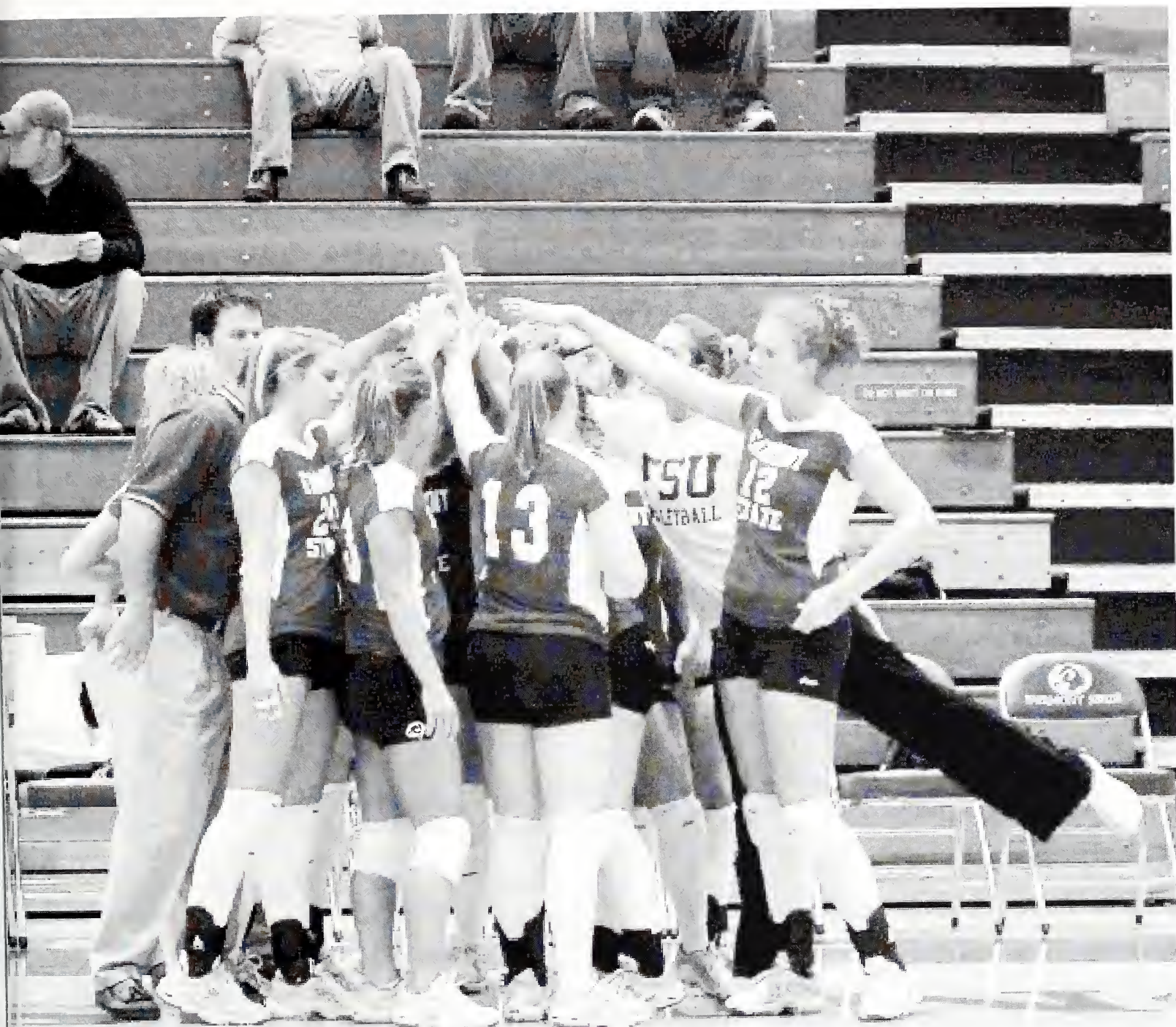


While teammates eagerly watch from the bench, **Kuirsta Stieg**, along with her teammates on the court, concentrate in anticipation as the opposing team prepares to serve. *Photo By C. Dennison*

Tiffany Board and **Amy Curry**
spring above the net in an effort to
return the ball to the opposing team.
Photo By C. Dennison

Playing tough, the Falcon volleyball
team works together to give the
opposing team a good work out.
Photo By C. Dennison





With a renewed sense of confidence, the Falcon volleyball team gathers for a quick cheer before returning to the court. *Photo By C. Dennison*



Assistant Coach **Brad Campbell** waits with his athletes during a brief pause during a game. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

better never late than

By Kevin Z. Smith

The Lady Falcons made an impressive late-season run for a West Virginia Conference softball crown but came up short. The playoff loss that ended the season didn't diminish what they managed to accomplish in a season filled with exciting play and determination.

First, they finished the campaign with a 23-14 mark which came on the heels of its previous winning season. Then, first baseman and pitcher **Jessica Greathouse** was named WVC Player of the Year. The Parkersburg native led the league in home runs with eight and in slugging percentage (.682). She also batted .364 with four doubles and a team-high 28 RBI. She also served as the ace of the FSU pitching staff as she compiled a 10-5 record. Greathouse, who struck out 132 batters in 99.1 innings, had a 1.90 ERA and threw 12 complete games. She also tossed four shutouts. Opponents batted just .189 against her during the regular season as FSU finished second in the league with an overall record of 22-12 and a WVC mark of 17-5. Joining Greathouse on the first-team unit from FSU was junior shortstop **Erica Glance**. The North Marion High School graduate batted .273 with four doubles, six homers and 26 RBI.

Players on the team included: Seniors **Sheena Zbosik, Abby West, Ashlea Loy** and Greathouse; juniors **Lacey Parker, Tara Black, Beth Nutter** and Glance; sophomores **Lindsay Noe, Julie Bolyard, Jenny Campbell** and **Angie Fisher**; freshmen **Lauren Yurish, Amy Davis, Tara Lewis, Alyssa Childers, Kari Childers** and **Amy Filius**.



Falcon pitcher **Abby West** warms up her arm before beginning another intense inning. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

highs and lows

By Kevin Z. Smith

Members of the Falcon baseball team warm up with a hitting drill before a game. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Dirt surrounds a lonely first base between innings at Duvall Rosier Field. *Photo By N. Morgan*



The Falcon baseball season was one of highs and lows for a team with exceptional talent and young up-and-coming stars.

For the sixth straight year, the Falcons were playoff contenders. But that came with a losing record, something rare under Head Coach **Ray Bonnett**.

The Falcon baseball team did everything it could to make the season a memorable one, but in the end, they managed a 17-22 record and came up short in the conference playoffs, 2-1 to a determined Davis and Elkins squad. "This was a season that was highlighted by some very good baseball and at times, we struggled to field a good team," Bonnett said. "We had great years out of our seniors and veterans and saw a lot of spark in some younger players who will keep us competitive in the coming years."

The Falcons finished third in the Northern District of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with a 10-5 record and sixth in the overall standings to earn a spot in the postseason play.

The Falcons' potent offensive attack was lead all season by senior outfielder **Nick Pleyo**, who lead the team in batting; junior infielder **Ryan Lucas**, junior outfielder **Patrick Griffith**, junior infielder **Nick Simmons**, and junior infielder **Mike Miskanin**.

The pitching staff had a stable of strong arms with senior **Mike Burke**, junior **Mike Patcher**, freshman **Zack Campbell** and sophomore **Josh Kusich** leading the way.

There were 18 freshmen redshirted and who will most likely be instrumental in the coming years, Bonnett said, noting that he traditionally didn't cut players and that anyone willing to work hard to be on the team could wear the Falcon uniform with pride.



Falcon infielder, **Nick Simmons** from Brandywine, WV stretches his legs before a game. Stretching was an important routine to keep the Falcons from sustaining an injury during game play. *Photo By N. Morgan*

In an effort to block the shot of an opposing team member from Charleston, Falcon forward **Chris McRae** from Bronx, NY leaps towards the basket. Although the Falcons suffered a 90-81 loss in overtime, they continued to play hard throughout the game. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

The Falcons set up their zone defense in order to keep their opponents from Columbia Union from scoring. Their attempts proved successful as they experienced a 77-57 win over the Pioneers. *Photo By C. Dennison*



basketball coming

By James Mou

The 2004-2005 men's basketball season was remembered as both a learning experience and a season of overcoming challenges for **Coach Murphy** and his Fighting Falcons Men's Basketball Team. Coach Murphy made the transition from Assistant Coach during the 03-04 year to becoming Head Coach during the 04-05 year. "My first year was a challenging time, but a rewarding time. We went through countless obstacles such as players leaving, player injuries, and at times, only being able to play six or seven guys a night; which wasn't enough" said Coach Murphy.

On a positive note, **Marvin Rashad** was named first-team WVIAC, and **JaMar Wesley** received an honorable mention.

Rashad, a 6-4 junior guard/forward, led FSU in scoring and finished fourth in the league with a 21.3 average, and led the Falcons in rebounding and ended up 10th overall in the WVC with an average of 7.4 rebounds per game.

Wesley, Fairmont's lone senior, was the Falcons' second leading scorer and ended up 21st in the league with a 15.5 average. The point guard also finished third in the conference in assists with an average of 5.08 per game, as well as, averaging 5.1 rebounds and assisting in 47.

Although the Falcons didn't end their season with a perfect record, they did walk away stronger than when they began. With a final record of 15-14, the Fighting Falcons did end the season with a win over top ranked team, Salem.



Falcon Head-Coach, **Tim Murphy** set aside some time to help clean up the 5th Street Park in Fairmont on September 11th along with various members of the Falcon athletic teams. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Falcon history books

By James Mou

The last time the lady Falcons won a regular-season championship, Nixon was President, Coach McDonald was in high school, and none of the 2004-2005 lady Falcons were born. In other words it had been thirty-two years since the Falcons won a regular-season championship.

For **Coach Steve McDonald**, it was a season he would never forget. "As a coach, you try not to compare season's because each team carves a niche in your mind, however, I can tell you that this was one of the most gratifying years I've ever had in coaching" said Coach McDonald, "all teams face adversity, but it's the great teams that can handle success."

Two lady Falcons, **Kristen Gattuso** and **Ashley Reed** received awards. Falcon guard from Pittsburgh, Kristen Gattuso was named second-team All-America on the 2005 Daktronics NCAA Division II Women's Basketball team selected by members of CoSida (College Sports Information Directors of America). Kristen Gattuso finished her career with a school record 2,041 points and averaged 22.7 points per game.

Ranking in seventh place, the lady Falcons successfully dominated the regular season, West Virginia Conference with a 72-53 victory over Salem International. Also joining Gattuso with team honors was junior Ashley Reed from Barrackville. Reed earned a spot on the First-Team of the WVIAC.

Through their hard work, determination, and dedication, the lady Falcons earned their way into the Fairmont State history books for their tremendous 28-4 season.



Lady Falcons **Lindsay Edwards**, **Danielle Cornish** and **Shannon Wanichko** watch their team mates attentively. The lady Falcons defined the word teamwork with their 28-4 winning season. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Senior Falcon guard **Kristen Gattuso** stands with **Coach Steve McDonald** as Kristin is honored for being the All Time Leading Scorer. Kristin broke the previous record of 1,806 during a victorious game against the Bludfield State Lady Blues where the Falcons pulled off a 78-51 win. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Senior Falcon guard **Erica Rome** drives towards the basket as an opposing team member attempts to stop her. While Liberty's attempts may have been many, the Falcon's proved stronger as they come out with yet another win. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Matching it Up

By Kevin Z. Smith

It wasn't the kind of season the Falcons had hoped for on the tennis courts, but determined squads of players made the men's and women's tennis teams a respectable competitor in the West Virginia Conference.

Despite losing records by both teams, the season had its highlights that included two players making first-team All-Conference. Senior **Juli Woy** was awarded the prestigious Easton K. Feaster Award as the outstanding female athlete.

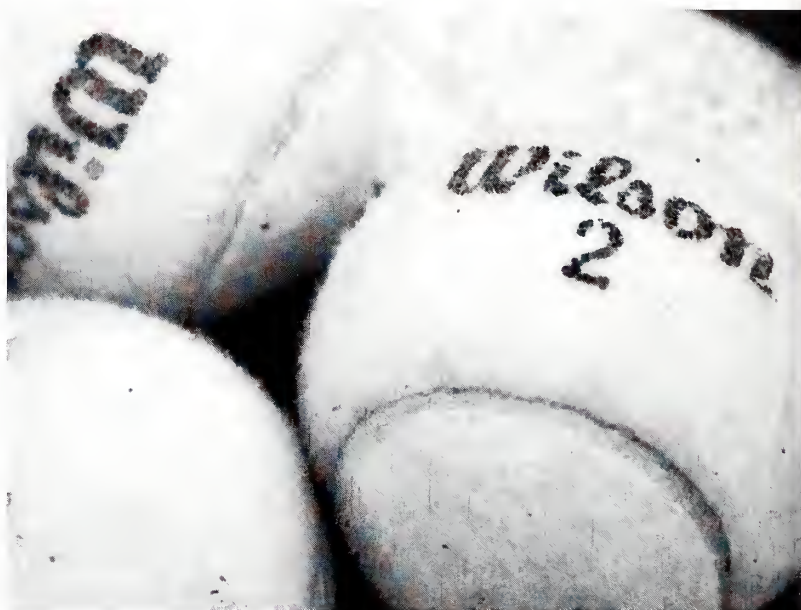
The men's tennis team had a hard time of it on the courts during the 2005 season but managed to secure a seventh-place seeding in the 10-team field at the WVIAC tournament in Charleston at season's end. They advanced to the quarterfinals before bowing out.

Led by **David Marquette**, a sophomore from Martinsburg, WV, the team finished the regular season with a 3-6 record before entering the tournament. Marquette was a bright sport for the net-minders and was named to the first team all-conference squad. The Falcons defeated Bluefield State in the opening round of the tournament in Charleston, 5-0, before losing to a very sound, second-ranked West Virginia Wesleyan team, 5-1 in the next round. Marquette and senior **Ben Benedict** of Mount Vernon, Illinois, won the doubles match in that showdown against Wesleyan. The team consisted of seniors **Tyson Riggelman** of Petersburg, WV and Benedict; junior **Howard Hunte** of Venezuela; sophomore Marquette and freshmen **Thomas Moss** of Beckley, WV, **Drew Waitkus** of Fairmont, **Lucas Siska** of Nacogdoches, Texas and **Brandon Horner** of Fairmont.

The women were lead by Woy of Keyser, WV and junior **Lindsay Edwards** of Charles Town, WV. The thrilling cap to the women's season was when Edwards, in her first year as a tennis player, proved she was a star by being named the only Falcon to the all-conference team. This was an athlete who didn't double dribbler or double fault.

Woy, a four-year letter winner, served as the team captain the past two seasons and played at the No. 2 slot and teamed with Edward at the No. 1 doubles players. Rounding out the team were: senior **Erika Mason** of Williamstown, WV; juniors **Kayla Kurczak** of Fairmont and **Lauren Dansro** of Munhall, PA; sophomores **Alisha Brown** of Fairmont and **Kendra Kelps** of Ravenswood and freshmen **Laura Evert** of Paw Paw, WV and **Jeanna Gasparine** of Wellsburg, WV.

Like the men's team, the Lady Falcons were invited to the conference tournament where they were ranked sixth in the 10-team field. They lost in the opening round to Charleston, 5-0 to end the season.



A group of tennis balls lay together on the side lines of the Fairmont State tennis courts. Photo By N. Morgan



With arms fully extended, **Christina Uhl** forcefully returns the ball to a teammate during a practice at FSU. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Name: Tara Black
Hometown: Parkersburg, WV
Sport: Softball

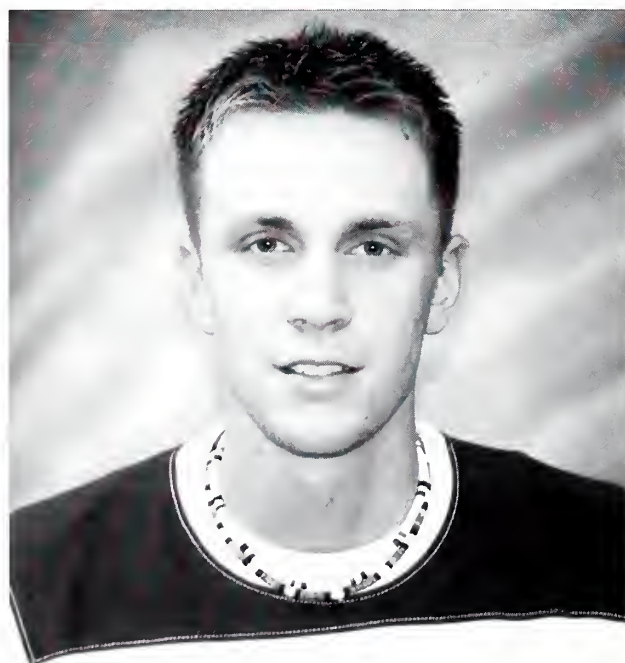
Junior Lady Falcon catcher Tara Black began playing slow-pitch softball when she was six, and her Dad coached her until she was 14. Tara admitted to being a Daddy's girl after following in his footsteps as a ball player and as a catcher. Tara, who majored in Elementary Education with a specialty in math, was inspired by women's softball athletes Dot Richardson and Lisa Fernandez who both played on the USA Olympic Softball team.

Name: Kristen Gattuso
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Sport: Basketball

Lady Falcon basketball star Kristin Gattuso experienced many successes throughout the season, such as being named the East Region Player of the Year and receiving the Jasper Colebank Memorial Award. The senior Political Science major managed to be completely focused on her team, while staying focused on her educational aspirations of law school.



Name: Ryan Boggs
Hometown: Franklin, WV
Sport: Baseball



Junior infielder Ryan Boggs considered the men's baseball team to be a "real tight brotherhood... almost like a fraternity, but you don't have to pay," said Ryan. The junior Accounting major began playing baseball with T-ball when he was five years old, and he hadn't stopped playing since. Ryan's parents were always supportive and drove him to every game and took time out of their day to help him. And although their season was a bit rough, Ryan was just glad to have to opportunity to play college ball.



Name: Autumn Anderson
Hometown: Williamstown, WV
Sport: Basketball

Senior Falcon center Autumn Anderson's basketball career began in elementary school, and what started out as a hobby turned into a way of life. "Basketball was my life... it was all basketball," said Autumn. While Autumn had four great years of Falcon basketball, her senior year was definitely the hottest season. "I guess it was a good way to go out," said Autumn referring to the Lady Falcons' victorious 28-4 season thanks to teamwork, dedication, and great coaching.

Name: Patrick Griffith
Hometown: Morgantown, WV
Sport: Baseball

Receiving a baseball scholarship was something that Patrick Griffith, a junior Falcon center fielder, was quite proud of. But his baseball talent began with the help of his dad and his coach, Dave Taylor, who taught Patrick the basic fundamentals of baseball, taught him how to win, and encouraged him to play and play hard the whole time. And while the Falcons had a disappointing season, Patrick was ready to forget about the past and come back next season even stronger.



Name: Erica Rome
Hometown: Bridgeport, WV
Sport: Basketball

Elementary Education major and senior point guard Erica Rome began her basketball career with her twin sister after her Dad put up a basketball court in their backyard; it took off from there. But Erica attributes her motivation to her parents and all the coaches she had along the way. Erica chose FS because family was very important to her, FS allowed her to stay close to home, and because she really liked "Coach Mac." But while Falcon basketball wouldn't last forever, she did manage to make friendships that would: "Kristen and Autumn... my best friends for life," said Erica.



The Fairmont Field Club was home to several Falcon golf matches as well as many hard practices. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Mission By Kevin Z. Smith Accomplished

The men's Falcon golf team couldn't have asked for a better season – a chance to play on a national stage, a conference coach of the year and two all-conference players.

First, the FS team qualified for the first time ever for the NCAA Division II playoffs and went to Indiana University of Pennsylvania for an eight-team tournament. For all their efforts, **Coach Reid Amos** won the honor of being named WVIAC Coach of the Year. And, sophomores **Jon Burnside** and **Tyler Franklin** were named to the first-team all-conference squad. Freshman **Jeff Messenger** was named honorable mention all-conference. "We achieved a lot of things this season," Amos said. "We've got a young team and in our top six players, we've got two freshmen, three sophomores and one junior." Amos said he asked his golfers to win a tournament, compete for the conference championship and try to earn a berth to the national tournament. "We were able to accomplish all of those things. Maybe I should have asked for more." Amos thinks the groundwork has been set for a bright future and he is probably right.

In the NCAA Division II East Regional play, the Falcons finished eight in the field with a three-day total of 950.

The team consisted of juniors **Vinny Gala** of New Cumberland, WV and **Micah Morrison** of Fairmont; sophomores **Matt Hiener** of Vincent, Ohio, **Doug Kirkpatrick** of Grafton, Burnside and Franklin; freshmen **Will Gautreau** of Ontario, **Chris Palmer** of Wheeling and **Messenger** of Lost Creek, WV. Assistant coach was **Michael Walker**.



A Titleist golf ball sits motionless among the grass before being driven through the air by a Fighting Falcon golf team member. *Photo By N. Morgan*

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Cross Country

By Kevin Z. Smith



Falcon cross country runner **Meghan Phillips** pushes herself towards the finish line during a regular season meet. *Photo Submitted By M. Phillips*

One thing is certain about Fairmont State's cross country teams, win or lose, they were a hard-working and dedicated group of runners who gave their all in every race.

Members of the men's team included: freshman **D.J. Navarini** of Clarksburg; sophomores **Keith Bowers** of Fairmont, **Jayson Lafferre** of Pennsboro and **Brian Reider** of Clarksburg and seniors **Justin Keller** and **Cole Carpenter**, both of Harrisville, WV. Keller and Carpenter were captains of the team.

The women's team consisted of freshman **Jenna Facemire** Sutton, WV; sophomores **Amanda Conrad** of Fairmont and **Jecintz Onwubuche** of Hyattsville, MD and seniors **Meghan Phillips** of New Martinsville, WV and **Miranda Webber** of Pennsboro, WV. Webber served as captain of the women's team.

At the conference championship meet the men finished 9th in the field of 11 teams and the women finished 9th in the 10-team field. Top finishers were Lafferre at 22nd place, Carpenter at 36, Navarini at 55, Keller at 58 and Reider at 64. For the women, the top runner at the conference meet was Conrad at 42nd place, Webber at 46, Onwubuche at 49 and Facemire at 56. The coach for the men's and women's team was **Mary Milnarcik**.

making a splash

By Kevin Z. Smith

When it comes to swimming among West Virginia's state universities, it's hard to imagine a more complete or competitive program than the one at Fairmont State. The 2004-05 swim season was another year that proved that the Falcons are a force to contend with in the water.

The men's team finished the season atop the West Virginia Conference at the end of the regular season then won the 2005 WVIAC swimming title as the top standing team in the field of 12. The women finished third in the conference with a winning meet record.

Sophomore **Matel Tomas** was named conference swimmer of the year for the second straight year. He finished first in the 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter backstroke and 100-meter butterfly. He set a pool record in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 50.1 seconds and he set meet and pool records in the 200-meter backstroke. Tomas earned All-American honors for his performance at the NCAA Division II National Swimming and Diving Meet in Orlando, FL. Tomas, from Croatia, claimed the high honor for the second straight year. He finished fourth in the national competition in the 200-meter butterfly.

Freshman **William Muriel** was right there with him.

Junior **Trevor St. Clair** from Morgantown, WV puts his training to the test in a swim meet held in the Feaster Center. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Muriel, from Ecuador, was named All-American for his placements (7th) in the 200-freestyle and (8th) 200-meter butterfly.

The Falcons finished 17th in the national competition. And if success in the water wasn't enough, the men's and women's teams did even better outside the pool when working in the classroom. Both the men's and women's teams were honored as Academic All-American teams by the College Swim Coaches Association of America. Both teams placed fourth in collective grade point average in NCAA Division II. The FS women posted an overall GPA of 3.37 and the men averaged 3.10.

"It's always nice to have the students honored for what they do outside the pool," Coach **Pat Snively** said. "It really stresses the importance of academics here at the university." Snively said he sees a lot of good things coming for the Falcons teams as Muriel and Tomas return to help with a maturing squad of talented swimmers. "We moved from 20 to 17 in the nationals, and I can see us, with our potential, moving into the top 10 in the nation, he said.

My Part One Class

Dear Journal,

My classes have been great so far except for the occasional sour grape. I knew the class sizes were going to be smaller than larger universities, but I had no idea what an advantage it would offer. Students actually feel comfortable speaking up in class and asking questions, and we have the chance to get to know both our classmates and instructors. And while college has been awesome socially, it has been even better academically. I finally feel like I am gaining knowledge while growing intellectually. I'm beginning to realize that college is about learning to think and applying those thoughts to my life and my future field and not about expanding my social life.



A group of students and faculty listen as **Rosa Cassell** welcomes them to the "Spring 2005 Emerging Issues In Human Resources Management Symposium." Symposiums were just one of the many activities offered to students through the School of Business. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



not just ordinary... but extraordinary

By Rachel Skubis



Rosa Cassell serves cake to students and faculty to promote the School of Business and its related clubs. **Michelle Robertson**, a junior General Business major from Myersdale, PA was sure to take advantage of the tasty treat and support the School of Business. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Students enrolled in any of the programs in the School of Business were taught to develop critical thinking skills and the ability to express themselves clearly in both oral and written communication, the skills which were the foundation of a successful business career.

Adviser for the Society of Human Resource Management, **Rosa Cassell**, taught Human Resources Management, Principles of Management, Organizational Behavior, and Emerging Issues in

Human Resources Management. "I Love it! I just love the business of teaching and the facilitating of classes," commented Professor Cassell. Professor Cassell believed in the emphasis of teamwork in class because she felt that class should be an example of what the real world holds. She also encouraged students to utilize outside sources instead of just using the book when it came to researching and studying. During the year, Professor Cassell also liked to show feature films. "This satisfies two objectives; one it allows students to relax a bit, and two it gives the students the chance to look past the entertainment value of a movie and see the hidden lessons that lie with in the movie" said Professor Cassell.

In April, the annual Emerging Issues in Human Resources Management Symposium took place in which local corporations were the target. The symposium allowed practitioners to do some soul searching if in fact, they were inadvertently committing unfair business practices. The Emerging Issues course was in seminar format about 90 percent of the time, and the work done in this class was primarily research.

Professor Cassell, along with the other Business instructors, was successful all through the semester with the proof in the School of Business's two accreditations by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education. Both accreditations assured that the program met business standards for schools across the nation. Students had goals; their parents had goals, and their employers wanted to see what the graduates could do. The School of Business produced graduates who went on to achieve their educational goals.

The 2004-05 school year for the FS School of Business was not just ordinary; it was extraordinary.



Amber Rowe, a junior Marketing and Management double major, confidently delivers a message about Identity Theft at the Emerging Issues In Human Resources Management Symposium. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Senior Business Management major **Adam Pratt** speaks at the Emerging Issues Symposium about Intergenerational Tension in the Workplace. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Dr. Rebecca Schaupp and **President Dan Bradley** converse over cake and ice cream as they attend an activity promoting student organizations within the School of Business. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



A delicate looking, terra cotta sculpture stares at the surrounding works of art featured in The Brooks Memorial Gallery. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Junior Art Education major **Jessica Bright** works diligently on her sculpture of the female body in one of the several art labs on campus. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Members of the Falcon guard carry the FS Marching Band banner in the 2005 Homecoming Parade. *Photo By N. Morgan*

fine Opportunities

By Rachel Skubis

The School of Fine Arts provided instruction and co-curricular activities in the areas of art, music, speech, and theatre. The Music Department contained Sigma Alpha Iota, a national women's music fraternity, student chapters in the Music Educators National Conference for Music Education majors, and the American Choral Directors Association for vocal/choral students. The Band, under the direction of **Dr. Huffman**, participated in parades, band spectacular events, football games, and



A Falcon trumpeter performs with the Marching Band during the half time show at a Falcon football game. The band regularly attended football games, as well as band competitions and concerts. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

concerts throughout the fall and spring semesters. Students were offered the opportunity to perform in marching band, jazz band, stage band, percussion ensemble, wind ensemble, and pep band. The Collegiate Singers, under the direction of **Dr. Poland**, was an elective course where students learned culturally-rich pieces and held a winter and spring concert. The group went on tour, performing at high schools and churches within the state as well as in Ohio.

The Art Department held a Fall Juried Student Exhibition which featured award-winning art from students. **Lauren Adams**, **Andre Cinalli**, **Jessica Bright**, **Sophia Lowther**, and **Danielle Fortney** all walked away with awards for their various works.

The Department of Speech Communication and Theatre provided students many opportunities to gain experience in their respective fields through a variety of events held throughout the year. The 2005 Masquers season included productions of *The Illusion*, *the Rocky Horror Show*, and *Everyman/Dulcitius*.

The Intercollegiate Debate Team participated in forensic competitions throughout the United States including competitions at Bowling Green State University, Eastern Michigan University, Bloomsburg State University, Marshall University; and many others. Speakers at the state tournament included **Brett Harper**, **Jennifer Cogar**, **Sarah Grumblatt**, and **Chris Sharps**. **Jon Fox** and **Ashley Stevens** qualified for the National Forensic Association Championship Tournament.

Students honored in the Fine Arts Department included the following: **Cicely Bosley**- Outstanding Senior Oral Communication, **Kellie Gank**- Baccalaureate Achievement Award in Graphics Technology, and **Sara Wine**- Outstanding Senior Art Education Award.

the Literary life

By Rachel Skubis



Michael Hayes makes a presentation on the cultures of Belfast, Sligo, and Strokestown. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

The Language and Literature Department provided job opportunities in the areas of education, publishing, technical writing, business, legal careers, and web design for students. The English Department offered a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education, and Folklore Studies as a 19-hour interdisciplinary academic minor.

Students in English Education prepared for

teaching English at the middle school or high school level, receiving both Language Arts classes and educational courses. English Education majors had to choose a second teaching field of their choice. English majors took a variety of writing and literature classes as well as a foreign language. Students with a minor in Folklore examined and analyzed culture in oral and written materials associated with social beliefs and traditions, literature, art, and music.

Ten students were selected to receive scholarships for a study tour experience sponsored by the West Virginia Folklife Center through the Student Affairs/Student Government Travel Scholarship Program. The students traveled to Scotland, Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland in July of 2005 to explore the roots of Appalachian culture. The students who received scholarships were **Leslie Bledsoe, Terri Boyce, Michael Hayes, Caren McCormick, Ashley McDaniel, Andrea McDaniel, Johnny Piscitelli, Jason Pitzer, Michelle Robertson, and Miranda Webber.**

During the spring semester, **Jared St. Martin Brown, Derwin Hampton, Sarah Mauller, and Rachel Skubis** presented papers at the West Virginia University's Literature Symposium for Undergraduate Students. Rachel Skubis came in second place in the competition. The students were also recognized at the Academic Awards Ceremony for the Language and Literature Department. Other students awarded were **Derwin Hampton**- Mary Esther Jackson Scholarship in English, **Courtney Miller**- Outstanding Senior in English Award, and **Sarah Mauller**- Excellence in Spanish Award.



An actor, dressed in a detailed costume, entertains students and faculty during a French play brought to campus by **Valerie Ives** in celebration of International Week. Photo By J. Piscitelli



An actor dressed in a lion costume performs in a French play on campus. The play was just one of the many activities on campus being held in honor of International Week. Photo By J. Piscitelli



Dr. Fran Kirk and **Professor Donna Long** read *Paradise Lost* in the library at the Milton Marathon. Photo By J. Piscitelli



Education major **Pat Hammick** teaches a history lesson to students at Cheat Lake Middle School, where he fulfilled his student teaching requirements. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Sara Wine watches over a student as he participates in her art lesson. Sara fulfilled her student teaching duties at Barrackville Middle School. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Shane Eakle discusses an assignment with two senior chemistry students at Fairmont Senior High School, where he completed his student teaching. Eakle was an Education major with specialties in Chemistry and General Science. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

connecting theory with practice

By Rachel Skubis

Fairmont State provided a four-year Teacher Education program which was nationally accredited and state approved. Programs were offered for grades K-6, 5-9, 5-12, 9-12, and K-12. Professional education sections were available for all programs at Fairmont State, and students were required to maintain a 2.75 GPA to be welcomed into the School of Education. The Education



Christina Buckner peers over the shoulder of a student in her Spanish class at Fairmont Senior High School, where she put her education into action teaching high school students. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Department provided students with classes and clinical experiences, which helped them to develop instructional strategies, collaborate with teachers and students, connect theory with practice, and reflect personal goals. After meeting their clinical hours and finishing the required educational courses, students began student-teaching.

The School of Education also offered graduate studies. The Master of Arts in Teaching Degree Program allowed college graduates with degrees in Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, Business and Professional fields to gain credit to teach in secondary content specialization areas. Students could earn a Masters of Arts in Education Degree in Professional Studies, Special Education, and Online Learning. Many courses were available online through WebCT.

During the fall and spring semesters, Kappa Delta Pi, the Education Honorary, participated in many community service activities. Both elementary and secondary education students were honored at the Academic Awards Ceremony, which included the following: **Jeremy Bartholow**- Bachelor of Science Academic Achievement Award for Technology Education, **Marcus Bramer**- Wendell G. Hardway Distinguished Scholarship for Teacher Education, **Michelle Bright**- Stark A. Wilmoth Outstanding Student Teacher Award, **Amanda Clark**- National Business Education Association Merit Award, **Cheryl Skotnicki**- Kappa Delta Pie Outstanding Elementary Education Award, **Sara Wine**- Outstanding Senior Art Education Award, and **Emily Wymer**- Helen Roman Viggiano Elementary Education Endowed Scholarship.

healing hands

By Rachel Skubis

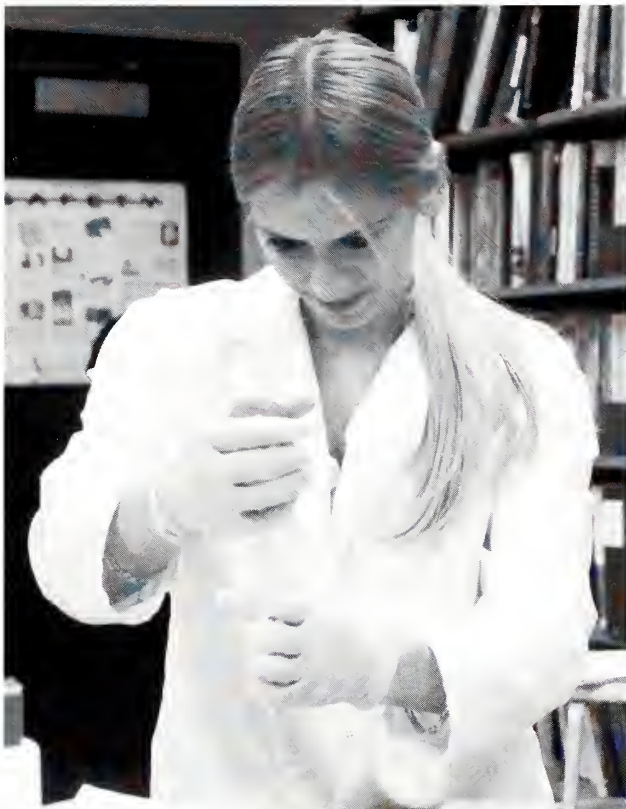


Nursing professor **Judy Turbanic** assists a student during a lab course in the Education Building.
Photo By J. Piscitelli

Fairmont State's Department of Nursing offered an Associate and Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which prepared graduates in the campus lab as well as clinical experiences at Fairmont General Hospital, Mon General, and UHC. The associate degree provided students with skills to be care providers, client teachers, communicators, managers of client care, and other members within the nursing profession. Graduates were required to pass the

national license exam. The Bachelor's degree was available for students who had already obtained an associate's degree in Nursing. The Bachelor's program extended skills from the two-year Associate program into areas of health promotion, maintenance, and restoration.

Associate and Bachelor degree students participated in the Unity Day for Nurses at the State Capitol, where they met with legislators and discussed ways to improve health matters in West Virginia. Other events within the department included the annual Health Fair and a Health Screening for the Fairmont community carried out by members of the Student Nurse Association. Members of SNA, a part of a National Student Nurse Association that allowed students to get politically involved in nursing, attended conferences and gave back to the community in many ways. They donated clothing and gifts for children at the WVU hospital and held a spaghetti dinner for the families and workers of the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown. Nursing students and faculty also volunteered time and money into the Light the Night Walk for Leukemia in the fall. Along with these and other events, **Christina Wills** received the Claude and Stacie Morris Rader Nursing Endowed Scholarship at the Academic Awards Ceremony.



Alicia Tout carefully dispenses a fluid in **Professor Leslie Lovett's** medical laboratory technician class. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



Seth Miller, a Nursing student, handles a syringe under the supervision of his professor, **Connie Moore**. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

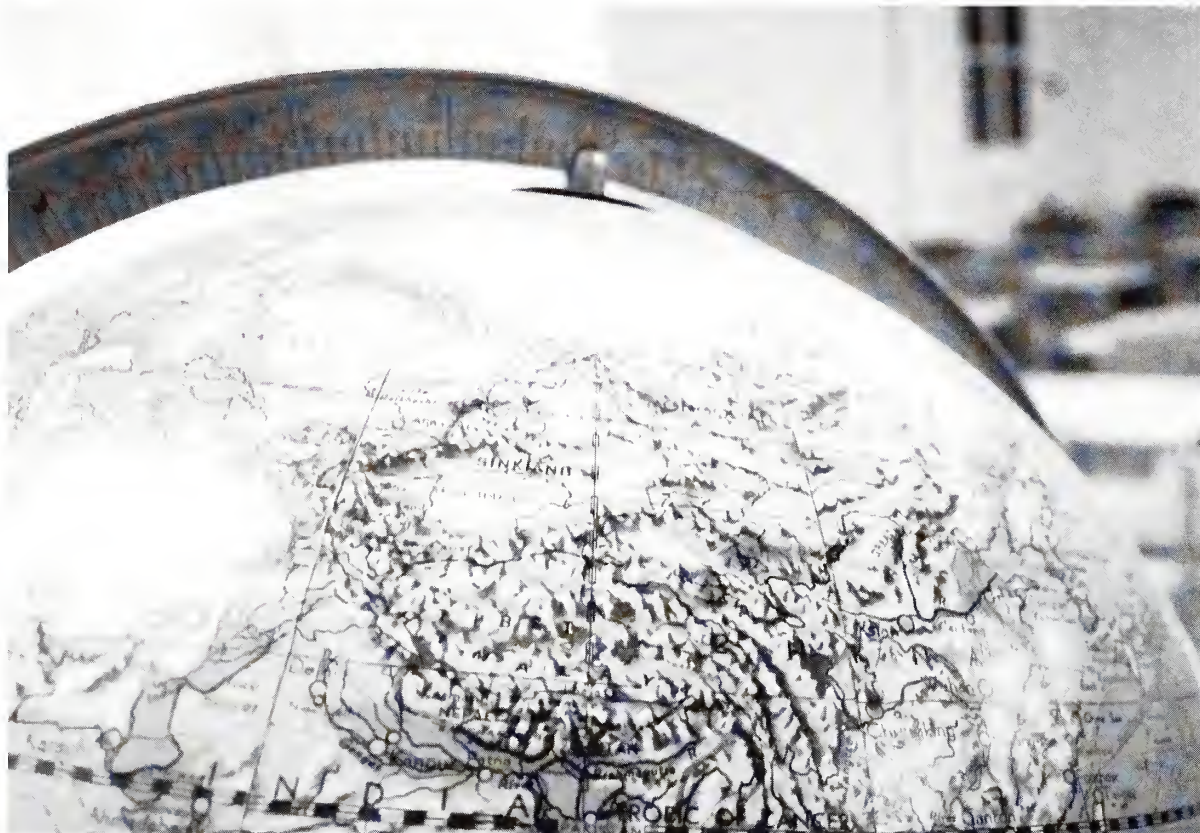


Students **Becky Tennant** and **Jessica Stickley** examine a medical read out in their laboratory class. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

making a difference

By James Mou

The Department of Social Sciences remained in full swing throughout the year on campus. Whether it was graduate students finishing up or undergraduates just beginning, everyone was working hard on something. Social Sciences is defined as "a scholarly or scientific discipline that deals with such study, generally regarded as including sociology, psychology, anthropology, economics, political science, and history" (www.dictionary.com).



A classroom globe reflects the glare of florescent lights off of its old, but still shiny surface. *Photo By N. Morgan*

"This is a great time to be teaching Political Science

because of the past election and the war in Iraq; you get lively class discussions" said **Dr. George Sprowls**. Dr. Sprowls was the adviser for the Political Science Association as well as the director of the new Intelligence Research Analysis major. In April, Dr. Sprowls and the Political Science Association took their annual trip to Washington D.C. The primary reason was to visit the Capitol in D.C. While in the nation's capitol, the group received gallery passes from Congressman Mollohan. The group also visited the House of Representatives and witnessed a debate concerning death tax. They also got to see the first senate chamber where the Supreme Court met from 1810-1860. All in all, "A good time was had by all," said Dr. Sprowls.

Chair of the Social Science Department and Co-ordinator for the new Criminal Justice Masters program, **Dr. Deanna Shields** had her hands full throughout the year. Dr. Shields taught classes both at the undergraduate level and the graduate level. Her undergraduate classes were larger in size, and she used lecturing and class discussions to help the students better achieve their goals. Her graduate class was an advanced theory class where students were expected to do independent research and present it in class. Dr. Shields also supervised interns, two of whom would begin to receive pay by the U.S. Marshals for their work. After the students graduated, they became officially certified by the U.S. Marshals. "There are tremendous opportunities for Criminal Justice majors in various fields in the workplace," said Dr. Shields.

Many opportunities lie within the Social Science Department for all students to make a difference within their lives and within their world.

advancing with technology

By James Mou



Christina Soles, a technology student, works to adjust the steering wheel on the off-road prototype that they entered into the 30th annual Mini Baja East Competition at the Rochester Institute of Technology in May. The made from scratch vehicle won the students a trophy for Overall Best Rookie Team. Team members included **Josiah Wallace, Bronson McNemar, Chris Hall, Jason Bell, C.J. Lewis, Bryn McNemar, Chris Goodwin, Derek Payne, Dan Morris, Christina Soles, Dipan Ghimire**, and **Michael Kerekes**. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

The School of Technology kept students working hard with everything from projects to the concrete canoe team going to nationals. The School of Technology had an outstanding year both on campus and in the community.

Chair of the Department of Technology, **Mr. Ron Goodwin** taught classes ranging from ACDC Machinery and Controls to Special Topics Advanced PLC's. "It's been a typical year, students have been very responsive and respectful to the teaching efforts I've

put forth." In Professor Goodwin's Programmable Controllers course, he required his students to come up with individual projects, present them, and write a report on their projects. The projects had to do with the buttons on drink machines and buttons for cars. The students used the skills that they learned in class to make the buttons work on the drink machines and to control the lights on a car.

Sophomore Architectural Engineering Technology major **Patrick McCord**, had a diverse insight to the world of Technology. Patrick was involved in many Technological classes such as Architectural CADD, Art Fundamentals, and Engineering Analysis I. Throughout the year, Patrick worked on individual projects ranging from drawing a steeple to designing a 3D rendering model of Louis I Khan: Exeter Library. "Countless hours were spent achieving the goals I set forth and in the end, it was time well spent," said Patrick.

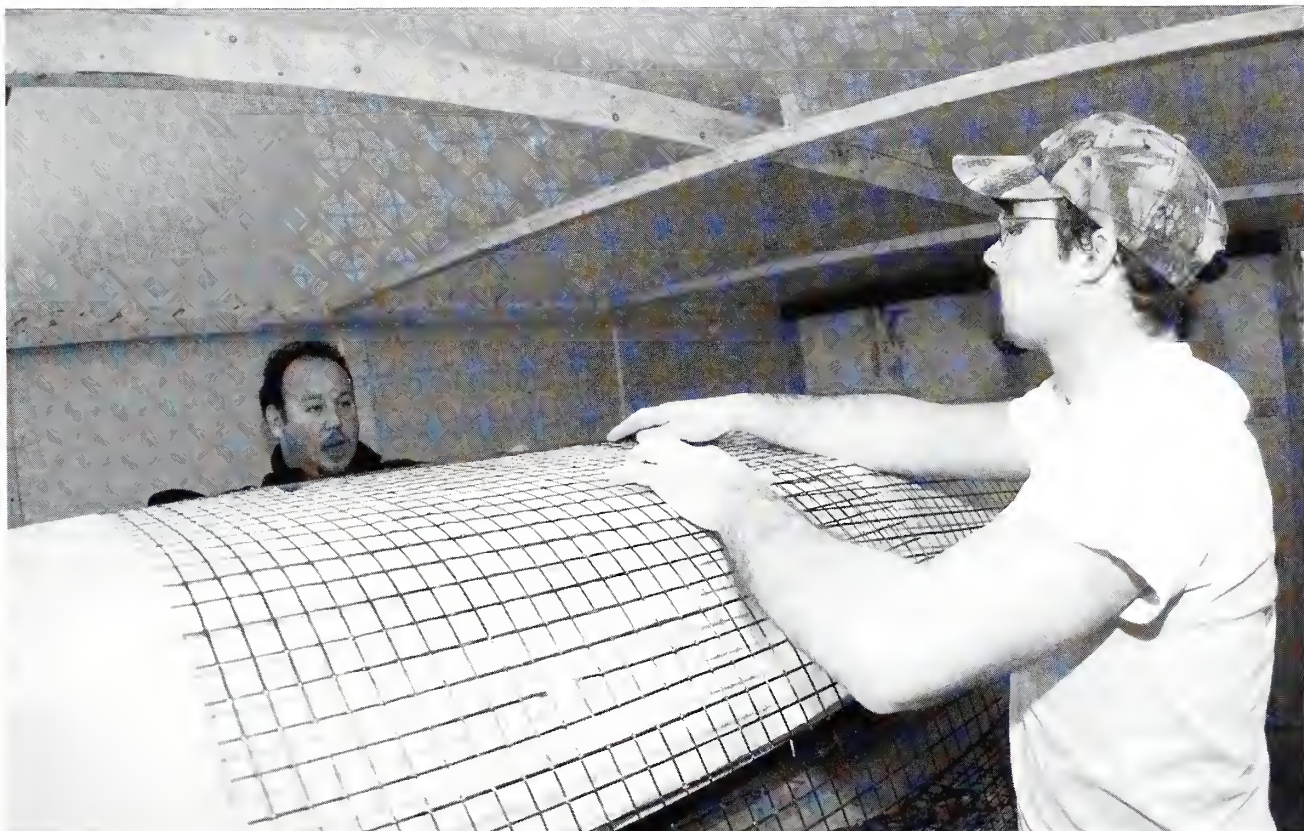
When people heard the word technology, they often thought of a computer, but the students involved with the School of Technology new it was so much more.



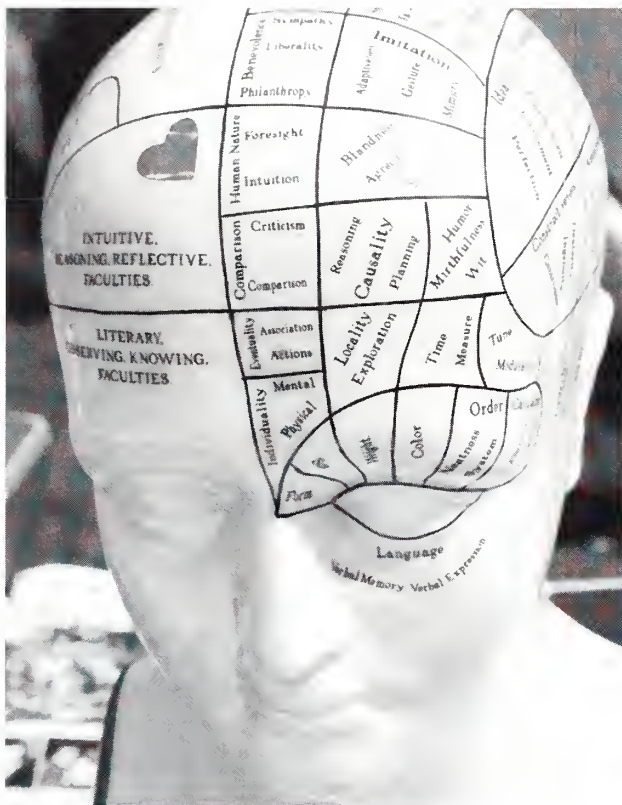
Engineering student and co-captain of the ASCE concrete canoe project, **Patrick Guthrie** smooths off a layer of concrete. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



A brand new Dell computer sits in Jaynes Hall. The FS Tech Dept. continued to advance through actual equipment and online with the advancement of the FS website, www.fairmontstate.edu. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers Student Club work hard on finishing their concrete canoe. The team, headed by captains **Patrick Guthrie** and **Gregory Wilson**, took home the gold in the Regional Concrete Canoe Competition at Virginia Tech for the second year in a row. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*



A model human bust is divided into many sections displaying the various functions of the human brain.
Photo By N. Morgan



A student carefully conducts a scientific experiment in a lab located in Hunt Haught Hall. Equipment of all shapes and sizes could be found in the labs for student use.
Photo By N. Morgan

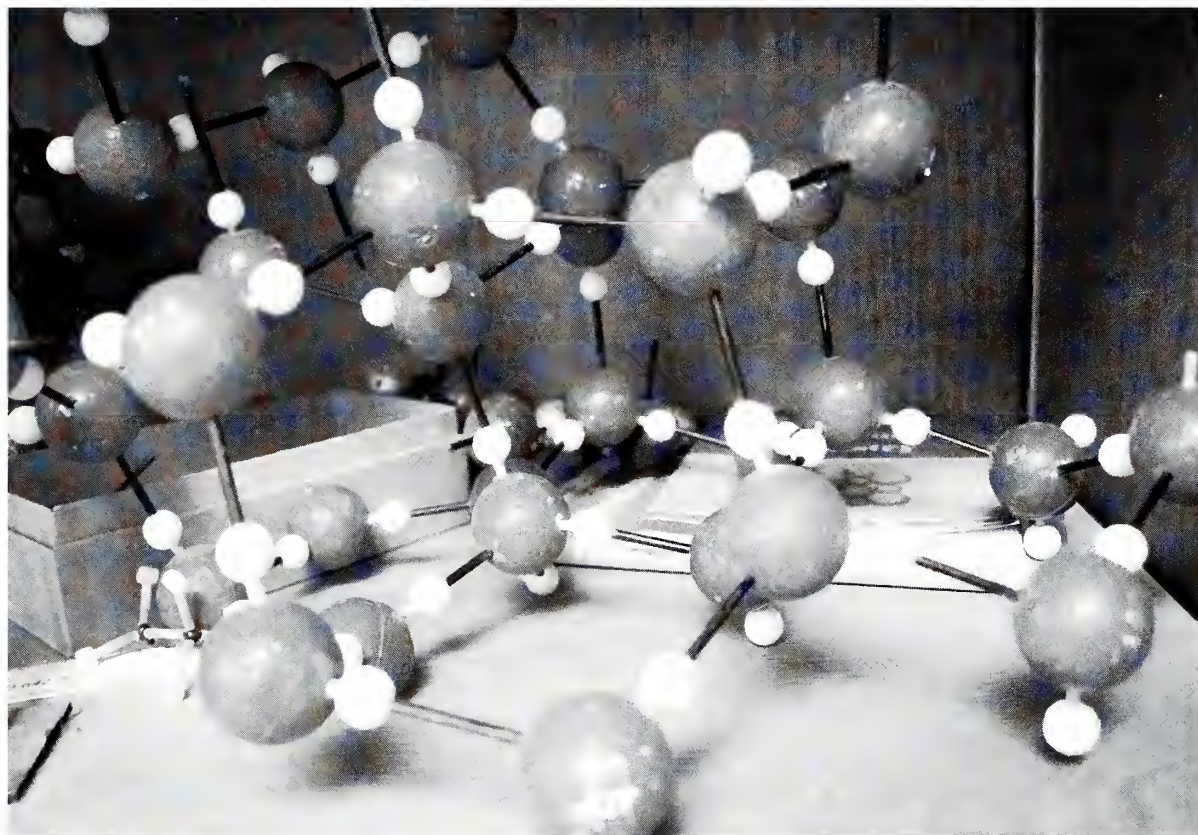


Sitting at a picnic table on the Quad, **Stacey Carpenter** focuses on completing her math homework.
Photo By J. Piscitelli

scientific Selections

By Kelly Morgan

Within the School of Science and Technology, students were given the opportunity to learn about the world of science, including biology, chemistry, geoscience, computer science and computer security, mathematics and physics, as well as the programs within the Technology Department. But people may wonder what a degree in a science related field would get a graduate.



A molecular model sits on display in a classroom in Hunt Haught Hall. *Photo By N. Morgan*

For a Biology major, future career paths included lab technicians, wildlife biologists, or research scientists. Additional education could lead into the fields of dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, and other similar paths.

Students who decided to pursue a Chemistry degree were looking at the chemical or pharmaceutical industries, environmental testing labs, government organizations, and the possibility of law school. A chemistry degree also prepared students for professional and graduate schools like medical school, toxicology, pharmaceutical science, or physical therapy programs.

Teaching math was not the only route for those students working towards a Mathematics degree. Possible employers included the US Census Bureau, the banking industry, statistic firms, and working with chemical or computer related fields.

A degree within the School of Science and Technology offers graduates plenty of career opportunities and many additional educational opportunities for students with a Science, Mathematics, or Technology degree.

A group of miniature skeletons used for the Physical Therapist Assistant program stand in a vacant lab at the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg. *Photo by N.Morgan*





My Class Part Two

Dear Journal,

One thing Fairmont State has up on many other universities is that the university and Community College are all together. Students enrolled in the Community College no longer have to feel separated or inferior to the university students. Community College students also have access to the same tools, classes, and facilities enhancing their education. Sometimes I see Culinary Art students carrying around their latest creations that they've actually made in class, and the food always looks so fancy and delicious! The Interior and Fashion Design students also always seem to have cool projects and designs. It's clear to see that the Community College is busy preparing students for their future fields with hands-on experience.

Caring for the World's Creatures

By Kelly Morgan
& Angela Dunlap



Ben Weaver, a Vet Tech student, practices administering oral medication to a gerbil in his lab animal tech class taught by **Professor Robert Havern**. *Photo By N. Morgan*

community pet wash where community pet owners had the opportunity to bring their pets in to be bathed by Vet Tech students. At one point during the year, the program was even asked to help out an injured armadillo. The armadillo had a gash on its neck, and lived in the Vet Tech lab where it was treated by students. Once it was healed, they sent the animal to a local pet store. The SVTA also held fund raisers in order to be able to award two gifts of \$500 each to local organizations which demonstrated great care for animals.

While the Vet Tech students developed bonds with the animals they cared for, they also developed friendships with one another. Students enrolled in the program had most of their classes together. "Because we are together through the whole two years, we are really like a family," said **Mercedes Pellet**. "We are a varied group, the ages are from 18-60. I could be these kids' grandmother, but it has never been a problem. We are all a big, happy group."

Fairmont State's Vet Tech program, housed in Hunt Haught Hall, was home away from home for about forty students and many animals.

Vet Tech students could often be seen going about their daily chores in taking care of their animals. Dogs had to be walked on a regular basis, multiples times a day, and all of the animals needed to be fed and cared for regularly. President of the Student Vet Tech Association **Rachel McDaniels** felt that working with the animals was very rewarding. "We all share a common bond, because we all have a love for animals."

The Student Vet Tech Association, SVTA, had a busy year. One event in particular was the



Vet Tech student **Amy Greene** gently cradles a gerbil during her lab animal tech class. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Enforcing Justice

By Kelly Morgan

The Criminal Justice program offered through the Community College gave students a broad overview of the Criminal Justice system to prepare them for their future careers in the Criminal Justice field. Students who completed the program often went on to work with local, county, and state governments, as well as with security and social service agencies. Other employment opportunities included correctional officers, security/loss prevention officers, police officers, or private investigators.

Forensic students **Kim Pitzer**, **Brandi Talkington**, and **Leslie Ann** discuss the mock crime scene while collecting their needed investigation tools. *Photo By K. Morgan*



A fingerprinting kit sits on the back of a car used in a mock crime scene. The crime scene was set up by instructors, and the students were required to investigate the crime scene as though it were, in fact, real. *Photo By K. Morgan*

a design for the future

By Kelly Morgan

Students enrolled in the Applied Design, Associate degree program through the Community College chose between two pathways: Fashion Design and Merchandising and Interior Design. Students who chose to follow the Fashion Design and Merchandising pathway studied apparel design, historical costume as design inspiration, fashion retailing, visual merchandising, and computer design for manufactured apparel to prepare for their future careers in the fashion industry. Classroom work was combined with studio work to prepare students for their internships in the Fashion Design field. Internships were required to ensure the students were receiving a diverse education with plenty of hands on experience in their field of study. After completing their Associate degrees, some students went on to the 2+2 Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, majoring in Fashion Merchandising with a minor in Retail Management. Employment opportunities included careers in the fashion design business, apparel buying at the retail and wholesale level, fashion department managers, window display merchandizing, and independent apparel shop ownership.

Those students who chose the Interior Design pathway explored the principles and elements of residential and commercial design through classroom and studio work to prepare them for their professional service in the field of interior design. Interior Design students were taught to create functional and aesthetic interior environments. Students studied design, space planning, construction materials, technical rendering, universal access, and presentation skills, as well as the business aspects of the field. In addition to classroom and studio work, students actually worked with clients on various projects and took part in design competitions. Like the Fashion and Merchandising program, Interior Design students had the opportunity to continue with the 2+2 Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences, majoring in Interior Design with additional study in Architectural Design and AutoCAD (computer aided drafting). Employment opportunities included professional work in retail and design of residential interiors, contract and commercial sales, or work with private agencies. Students who completed the Interior Design program met the educational requirements for ASIF professional certification and NKBA certification in kitchen and bath design, providing they passed the necessary exams.



Fashion Design student, **Bethany Vandetta** arranges fabric to satisfy the look of her display set up in the Education Building. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Interior Design students **Cassie Buzzerd** and **Amber Bumgardner** work together on a display featuring a pizza delivery man. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Brandy Skidmore, a Fashion Design student, bunches and rebunches her fabric to get just the right look. Fashion Design students worked on everything from clothing construction to window displays. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Members of ASID, American Society of Interior Designers, set up a table during the annual Fall Activities Fair held on the Quad displaying an advertisement for a raffle. The winner of the raffle got their dorm room redesigned by an Interior Design student. *Photo By N. Morgan*

getting physical

By Kelly Morgan

One program that often went unrecognized was the Physical Therapist Assistant program based at the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg, offered through the Fairmont State Community & Technical College. The Associate degree program was set up to be completed in four academic semesters with one additional summer session. Once students completed the program, graduates were required to pass a licensing exam to work as a physical therapist assistant. Some programs at Fairmont State were able to operate solely based on classroom work, however, with the Physical Therapy Assistant program, clinical work was an essential part of the students' educations. Each semester PTA students spent time in health care settings throughout West Virginia, where they were able to put their laboratory education to practice in real therapy settings. Once a student completed the program and passed the licensing exam, they were certified health care providers who worked under a licensed physical therapist. As a PTA, they performed selected treatment procedures as prescribed by the physical therapist, observed and reported patient responses, and kept patient records accurate. Career opportunities for PTA graduates include settings in hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, nursing care facilities, schools, offices, with home health agencies, or in private practices.



Physical Therapist Assistant student, **Kristi Hill** assists a patient at HealthSouth where Kristi fulfilled her clinical hours. *Photo By J. Piscitelli*

Culinary artists

By Kelly Morgan



A Culinary Arts student, reviews material to ensure she is prepared before she begins making her dish in the Culinary Arts kitchen located in the Education Building. *Photo By N. Morgan*

With 45.8 percent of American's food dollars going to dining out, as reported by the National Restaurant Association, the Food Service Management program through the Community College offered students great career outlooks. The Culinary Arts pathway of the Food Service Management program was nationally accredited through the American Culinary Federation Accrediting Commission, which meant that Fairmont State had a facility and curriculum that were nationally recognized. Students were offered a well-rounded education in the food service industry through hands on practice on basic to advanced culinary techniques, as well as training in

ServeSafe® sanitation & safety, nutrition, personnel management, and menu planning. In addition to on campus learning, students were expected to further their outside food service experience through their Food Service Practicum. Once students successfully completed the Culinary Arts program, they were able to become Certified Culinarians. Students were able to choose from several degree options including a 1-year Certificate (ProMgmt®); a 2-year ACF accredited associate degree; a 4-year Hospitality Management degree; and an associate degree option in Pastry & Baking. Employment opportunities for Culinary Arts graduates were strong as reported by the National Restaurant Associate: 11.3 million employees make the US restaurant industry the nation's largest employer besides the US government.

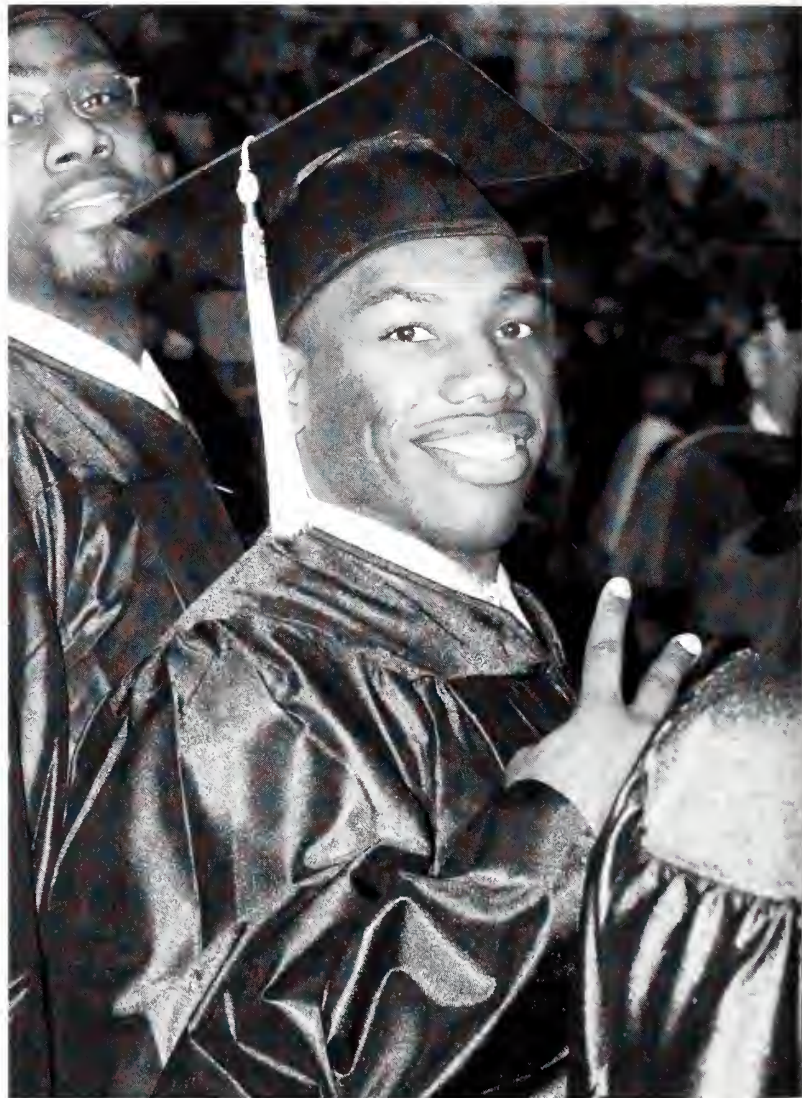
Perseverance Determination

By Rachel Skubis

Students, faculty, families, and community members gathered on campus for Winter Commencement on Saturday, December 18, 2004 held in the Feaster Center with a reception held in the Turley Center Ballroom following the ceremony. It was a special day for many students which honored their years of hard work at Fairmont State and set the stage for independence and career-searching. "All the hard work culminates right now," stated **Tricia Bunnell**, who earned her Bachelor degree in Science, Accounting, and Finance. **Kris Allan Kitzmiller**, who earned his Bachelor of Arts in Education, said that his personality helped him make it to graduation. "It is a lot of hard work," he stated, "and the truth be told, without a good personality you are not going to make it."

FSU **President Dan Bradley** presided over the graduation ceremony following the invocation by **Father Jude Molnar**. **James E. Griffin**, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and **G.H. Budd Sapp**, President of the Alumni Association, spoke, and Senior Class Representative **Persis S. Bates** provided the Class of 2004 Message. **Rev. Donald M. "Jack" Squires** gave the commencement speech, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs **Anne Patterson** presented the degrees to the candidates. **Blair Montgomery**, president of FSC & TC, and President Bradley handed out the diplomas.

Isaiah Grant, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management, said, "It takes determination, perseverance, and just sticking in there and not quitting."



Dennis Gilden flashes a peace sign to the onlooking crowd assembled in the Feaster Center to support the winter graduates. Dennis was just one of the many proud graduates who took part in the graduation ceremony. *Photo By N. Morgan*

"It takes determination, perseverance, and just sticking in there and not quitting."



Persis Bates, an Arts and Education graduate, holds her speech tightly against her body in anticipation of the graduation ceremony. Persis gave the Class of 2004 Message following **G.H. Budd Sapp's** greeting from the Alumni Association. *Photo By N. Morgan*



One graduate proudly wears her traditional graduation apparel including her mortar board, gown, and a pink boa. *Photo By N. Morgan*



A non-traditional student poses for a picture on the stage after commencement with her husband, after she was greeted by her family with balloons and flowers. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Family and Consumer Science graduate **Jason Raimey** converses with his family at the post-commencement reception held in the new Student Activities Center. *Photo By N. Morgan*

Graduate **Adriane Morgan** poses behind the commencement podium pretending to give a speech while his friend snaps a picture. Adriane proved that although he was no longer a college student, he could still have fun. *Photo By N. Morgan*



Engineering graduate **Gabor Nagy** shakes **President Bradley's** hand as he receives his diploma. After graduating, Gabor, a native of Budapest, Hungary, accepted an engineering job in Charleston, WV. *Photo By N. Morgan*

moving on.

By Kelly Morgan



Graduate **Ann Jeanette Starks** holds her grandson, Duane, who was sporting his grandmother's mortar board during spring commencement. *Photo By N. Morgan*

planned to head back to Baltimore to begin interviewing for jobs. And while ready to return home, "I will miss the small town feeling," said Jason.

With more specific career goals, **Adriane Morgan**, who graduated with a B.S. in General Business, had his sights set on opening his own urban clothing store in Beckley, WV.

But whether heading for grad school or entering the workforce, these graduates were just glad to be moving on.

Spring commencement, held in the Feaster Center began with the graduates and professors filing into the gymnasium to "Crown Imperial March." The invocation was delivered, greetings were offered, and Senior Class Representative **Carly Barbor** delivered a message. The graduates were then presented with their diplomas. The Alma Mater was sung as those in attendance rose to their feet, and the graduates and professors finally exited the gym to "Sigurd Jorsalfar March."

The commencement ceremony was standard, but it was what would happen after the ceremony that was important to the new graduates. After years of late night cram sessions, research papers, and living on a student budget, the latest batch of Fairmont State graduates were more than ready to walk across the stage, receive their diplomas, and begin their lives in the "real world."

While some students planned to pursue additional education, others were eager to move to the next stage of their lives, something many people called getting a "real" job.

Julie Volpe, who graduated with a B.S. in Exercise Science, planned to continue her education with graduate school at LaRoch College in Pittsburgh, PA.

With a B.S. in Biology, **Mauria Fletcher** was still in question about where her next steps would lead her, but was glad to have graduated and felt, "it was about time."

Baltimore native **Jason Raimey** who graduated with a B.S. in Family and Consumer Science,

My Club

Dear Journal,

If any student is looking for a campus with lots of opportunities to get involved, Fairmont State is the one. There has to be a club or organization for everyone. Almost every major has a related club, plus there are plenty of special interest clubs like Baptist Campus Ministry, the Ballroom Dancing Club, College Republicans, and Young Democrats. And then there are the sororities and fraternities who are always looking for new pledges. The opportunities are endless.

I have found that my clubs and organizations have not only made my experience on campus memorable, but they make the campus as a whole a more exciting place. You know what they say, "*Mi club es su club!*"



Members of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority gather on the Quad wearing their sorority's insignia. *Photo By N. Morgan*



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A group of students gathered on the Quad to unite in prayers as arranged by the Baptist Campus Ministry during the 2005 Spring Fling. *Photo By N.Morgan*



My Journal

Dear Journal,

As another school year comes to an end, I think back on Homecoming, football games, parties, and student government activities. I survived the exams, stayed awake for lectures (most of the time), and lasted through finals. Overall it has been an awesome year at Fairmont State.

The new Student Activities Center finally opened, although not all of the facilities were finished. We were able to use the pool, basketball courts, and exercise equipment. I don't know how much weight I have lost, but it has been great having a place to release my daily stresses and stored up

energy. I can only imagine how great it will be once it is completely finished.

I know a great year can never be guaranteed, but the odds were definitely in my favor. The student government kept those frozen lemonades, pizza, and activities coming; I was just fine.

When I think back on the last two semesters, I remember the excitement and controversy of Michael Moore, the anticipation of a finished Activities Center, and the daily faces of my peers on campus. I often wondered how I would make it through the year, and I now know that it was my classmates who made class entertaining and the professors who made class exciting, that I'm here today. But what's important is that I made it, and I am ready for another great year at Fairmont State.



...n cheese ... sits among half empty or half full
...ter and ... lemonade after the 2005 Spring

... By N.M.



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